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Root Glen harbors many rare species of plant, including the certified Norway Spruce.

Spruce is acknowledged as largest in NY state

By Sam Evans '00
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton received national notoriety on Tuesday afternoon not for being a top-notch liberal arts college, but for a massive Norway Spruce that was officially recognized by the American Forestry Association as a national champion tree.

A handful of people gathered in the Root Glen under grey skies for a brief ceremony in which Bob Sauer, Chairman of Region Six of the New York State Regional Forest Practice Board, presented Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge a plaque to commemorate the tree's national status.

The spruce, which was planted by the families of Elihu Root and Ulysses S. Grant in 1880, has grown to over 120 feet tall, and it is still growing, according to Hawkridge. It has been a state champion for more than 20 years.

"I am very impressed with the trees here at Hamilton," said Don Brown, a forester with the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Regional Forestry Practice Board advises the Department of Environmental Conservation and private landowners on proper forestry techniques.

Bob McKinley, supervising forester for the Herkimer region of the Department of Environmental Conservation, nominated the tree for this great honor by reporting it to the American Forestry Association.

This tree is of an outstanding caliber," said Sauer. "Its notoriety is shared throughout the region."

"Hamilton has a rich tradition of trees," said Hawkridge. "Trees are very important to the Trustees. Physical Plant will do whatever it can to keep the old trees going."

The lush verdure of the Hamilton campus is truly one of its most cherished gifts. Prospective students may compile all of the school's flattering empirical data, but the majestic campus often leaves the most lasting impressions.

"People select a campus partly on its appearance," said Hawkridge. "The grounds sell the campus, so appearance becomes very important."

"This tree is really one of a kind," said Sauer.

Alumni donations rise with decreased participation

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Despite concerns over their continued support of the College, Hamilton Alumni have been very generous. Unrestricted giving, money not designated for any specific purpose, has doubled in three years under an incentive program instituted by the Trustees. The percentage of alumni donating to Hamilton has decreased, but the dollar amount given by alumni, parents and friends of the College to the Annual Fund rose from 1.5 million dollars in 1993 to 3 million dollars in 1996. "This bodes well for Hamilton," said head of Communications and Development, Mike DeBraggio, in response to the increase.

"The overall giving to the College has been particularly successful over the past couple of years," says Vice President of the College Dan O'Leary. "It is pleasantly surprising after the Res-Life Decision."

When Hamilton released its Residential Life Decision, ending residential private societies, much concern was expressed about the future of alumni support for the College. The changes to campus life, some argued, would alienate alumni who fondly associated their life as a member of a private society with their alma matta. These concerns seem to be slowly fading away with the success of the Annual Fund.

According to Lori Dennison, Director of the Annual Fund, the level of giving had been stagnant at 1.5 million dollars for several years before 1993. As operating costs for the College increased, additional sources of revenue were sought after. In a challenge to alumni, the Trustees set up a pool of $300,000 to be used to match every alumni increase in giving dollar for dollar.

The first year of the challenge increased giving by $800,000. The second year, the year of the release of the Residential Life Decision, saw an increase of $400,000, and in the third year the increase was $300,000. When asked if the proportional decrease in giving over the three year period was in reaction to the Residential Life Decision, Debraggio indicated that it was natural to expect a

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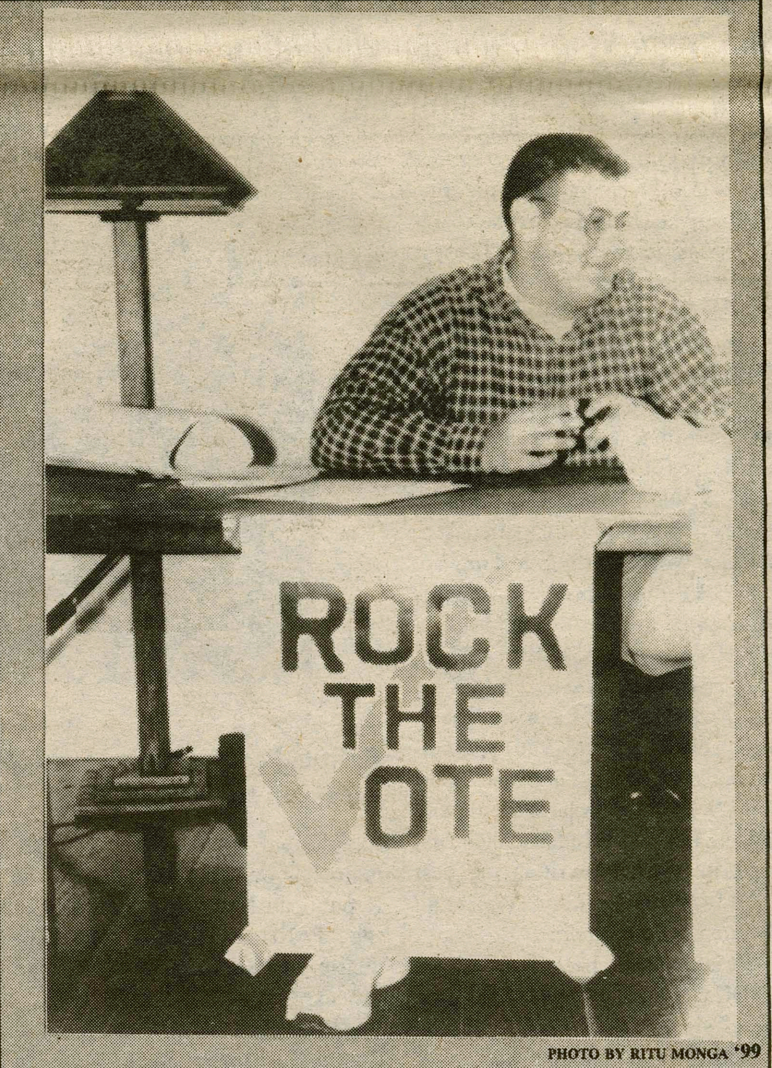

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Matt Kane '99 volunteered at the voter registration table in Beinecke Village on Wednesday and Thursday.

Lecture describes drama of study abroad

By John Farranto '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Jeremy Medina, Burgess Professor of Romance Languages and Literature, reflected on his time in Spain when he gave a lecture entitled "The Happiness of Hindsight: The Joys (and Sorrows) of Study Abroad" on Tuesday, September 24.

Medina, who has been the Director in Residence of Study Abroad for the College's Academic Year in Spain Program, spoke to students, faculty and other visitors about his experiences in Spain.

In his lecture riddled with personal stories and memories, Medina recalled his adaptation to Spanish culture, including getting used to an 18-hour workday, "neurotically insecure" feelings eventually giving way to confidence, and dealing with students.

Some students went on the trip seeking a "nine month wine-saturated fiesta," said Medina. Others suffered from culture shock and homesickness, and some didn't like the Spanish speaking-only rule. However, the students' year in Spain had profound effects indeed. Medina told the story of one student who was at first homesick and reluctant, but ended up staying another semester in Spain, and even moved her concentration to Spanish.

Over the course of his talk, Medina recounted some of the more memorable moments involving the students who were on the trip. One girl said she planned to write a book about Spanish prostitution, and subsequently wanted to pose as a prostitute in one of Madrid's worst districts. When Medina told her that she wouldn't be allowed to stay in the program if she did, she relented. However, because she was so disap-

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Political consultants continue Great Names

By Sam Evans '00
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Hamilton Community will be honored in two months when esteemed political consultants, and married couple, James Carville, Chief Strategist for President Clinton's 1992 campaign, and his wife Mary Matalin, former Deputy Manager of George Bush's re-election bid in 1992, visit the campus as guests speakers in the Great Names Series.

Matalin and Carville, though seasoned supporters of opposing political parties, have extensive experience in the field of political campaigning. Both have been active in the local politics of their respective home towns since their youth, and each has supervised campaigns at the highest national level.

They will speak for roughly 45 minutes at 7:30 pm on November 5 in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. A question and answer session will be held directly thereafter. The doors will open to the general public at 6:00 pm, but there will be a section reserved for members of the Hamilton community. At 7:00, however, any empty seats in the reserved section will be open to the public.

Though the exact itinerary of their visit has not yet been finalized, tentative plans have Matalin conducting her radio show from a station in the Mohawk valley. Carville may attend a Hamilton class and hold a press conference on the day of the speech.

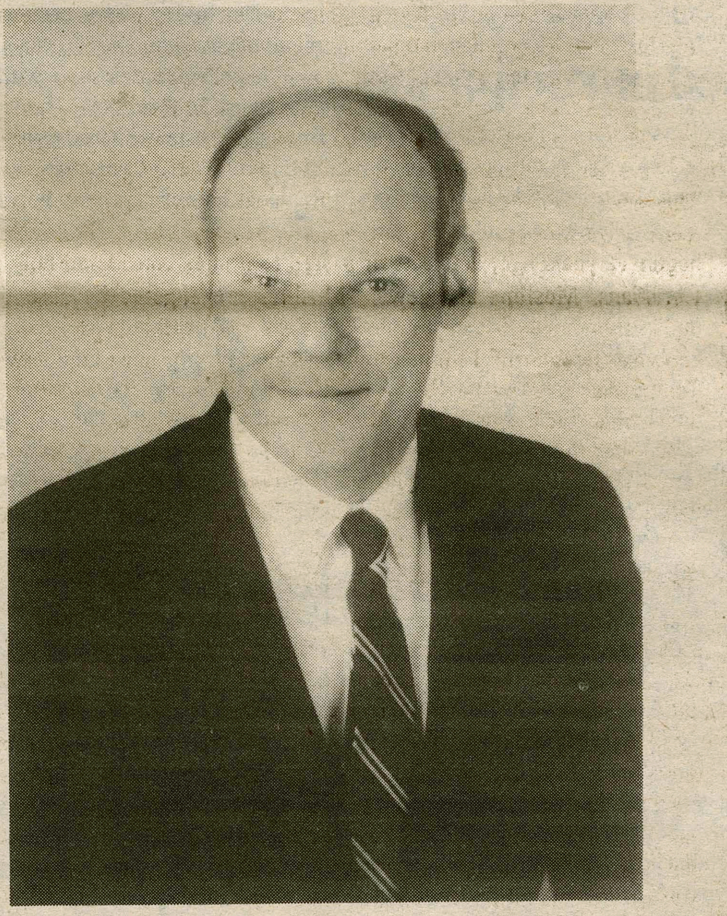
Carville, the country's best known and most colorful political consultant, according to the Washington Speakers Bureau, Inc., is currently serving as a Senior Political Advisor to President Clinton. Foremost on his long list of campaign achievements is the victory brought forth by his leadership of "Clinton's fearsome and intense Little Rock campaign headquarters, known as the 'War Room.'"

In 1993 the American Association of Political Consultants honored him as the Campaign Manager of the Year. In addition to his unparalleled domestic campaigning experience, he has also worked as political advisor to Greek Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis.

His second book, *We're Right, They're Wrong, A Handbook for Spirited Progressives* (Random House, Simon and Schuster, 1996) hit number one on the *New York Times* Best Seller's list in March. Carville and Matalin both contributed to their first book in 1994, co-writing the best seller *All's Fair: Love, War, and Running for President.*

Matalin has been host of the CNBC week night talk show, "Equal Time" since May, 1993. After participating in campaigns and party politics while in college, the "Reagan Revolution" brought her to Washington, D.C., where she served the Republican National Committee in the Political Education, Redistricting, and Deputy Chairman offices.

She began working for. the George Bush for President Campaign in 1986. Over the next two years, she was Deputy Political Director and Midwest Regional Political Director in the primary and served as the National Victory '88 Director in the general campaign. As Deputy Campaign Manager for President Bush, she was responsible for the overview and organization of all 50 state operations.



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Political consultants Mary Matalin and James Carville will speak on November 5.

Campus directories to be printed late

By John Farranto '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Campus Telephone Directories, which will include phone numbers of students, faculty, staff, administration and services, are scheduled to be printed on October 7, and distributed to everyone at Hamilton, according to the Communications and Development Office. Along with phone numbers, college and home addresses of students and faculty will be included.

Currently the 1996-1997 Telephone Directory can only be accessed through the World Wide Web.

This and the late printing date of the directory caused many people to think that it would only be available on the Internet. This year did mark a change toward using the Internet more for college information. That the New Faces Book, showing First-year students, is only available at Hamilton's Website, rather than in book form, as in previous years is indicative of this change.

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NEWS BRIEF

Student completes highly selective program

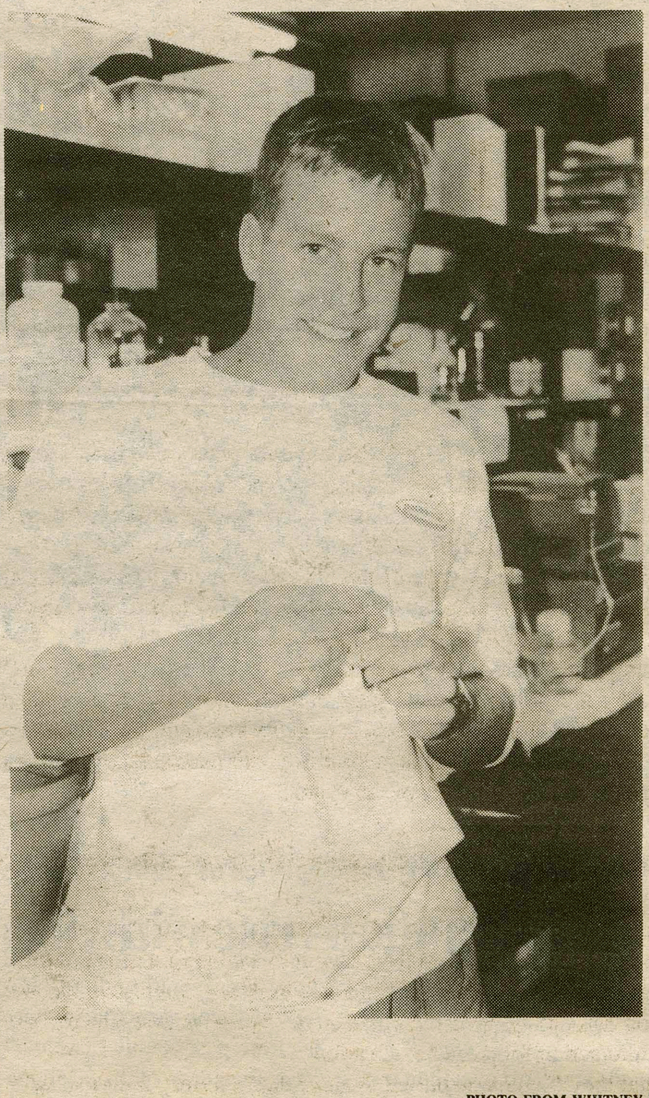

PHOTO FROM WHITNEY LAB

Kingsbury prepares to extract horseshoe crab protein in his summer research project on visual function.

Jason S. Kingsbury '97 completed a twelve-week research training program at the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory. Whitney Laboratory is an institute for marine biomedical research and biotechnology.

Kingsbury is one of ten outstanding students nationwide selected for the 1996 Undergraduate Research Training Program. The program, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Whitney Lab, responds to the critical U.S. need for increased science education and the recruitment of potential science teachers and researchers.

In cooperation with faculty supervisors, program students choose a project which fits the twelve-week period and the ongoing investigations in the Lab. At project end, students summarize their findings in a seminar presentation to the Lab's academic community.

While at Whitney, Kingsbury, 21, a Chemistry major, worked in the laboratory of Dr. Barbara-Anne Batelle on the biochemistry of vision. He tested for the specific binding activity of newly discovered photoreceptor protein in the horseshoe crab.

The Whitney Laboratory is located on a barrier island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, about 18 miles south of St. Augustine, in the town of Marineland, Florida. This location of salt marsh and beach environment offers a unique opportunity to combine the scientific research of a laboratory with valuable ecological observations and experience. Field trips are a regular part of the program.

Undergraduates accepted into Whitney Lab research training program receive a basic salary, assistance with travel expenses, and free housing in an on-site dormitory.

Alumni donations double

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big bump in the first year of the challenge, and then less of an increase thereafter. "You are asking the same people to increase their giving again. The first year will always be the biggest jump."

One of the measures of the success of a fund raising drive is the amount of Alumni participation. Although participation dropped from 55.4% to 51.5%, there is little concern among College fund raisers. "The challenge was not a participation tool, it was a dollar tool," said Dennison, "The goal was to increase the amount of gifts, not increase the number of people giving."

A good portion of $3 million in the Annual Fund goes into the operating budget of the College. Sources like the Annual Fund will be counted on more heavily to offset the rising costs, according to O'Leary.

In reference to the increase in giving, O'Leary said, "It is impressive that as a small college with only about 13,000 alums we can do what we have done in the past three years. The College should be proud, and the alumni should be proud."

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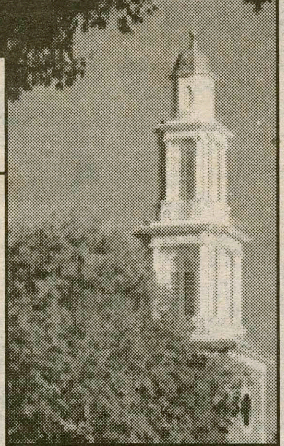

Stanford gives peace a chance

After years of using poison to alleviate the problem of an overabundance of squirrels on campus, Stanford has announced a 60-day reprieve from the long standing program. The 60-day moratorium came after six months of internal discussion among the grounds division of the Facilities Department. The administration will conduct more discussions and inquiries on how to better deal with the problem.

The school started poisoning the squirrels that were living in the area, to preserve the oak and eucalyptus trees scattered throughout the campus. There was some debate that the poison was harming the trees as well as killing the squirrels.

Although poisoning squirrels is a common practice by large institutions to curb the animal population, Director of Facilities Operations Chris Christofferson said, "There's a balance between doing the right thing environmentally (for the squirrels) and preserving the heritage trees."

Bait laced with poison would lure the rodent to one of two tubes attached to the sides of the trap, according to Michael Fox, the Special Projects Manager in Facilities Department.

The poison causes internal bleeding and two days of intense pain when ingested by the squirrels, said Andy Freedman, a Palo Alto resident and environmental activist. In a letter to University President Gerhard Casper, he wrote: "The Sierra Club has deemed this as the most hideous and cruelest manner in which an animal is put to death."

Berkeley students study and discover ancient Greeks

In mid 1995, Laurie Wilkie, an Assistant Professor of Archaeology at the University of California-Berkeley, saw garbage being unearthed by a construction crew clearing the way for a new building. Interested, the assistant professor ran and stopped the bulldozers. Soon, Wilkie and her students sprang into action for a brief excavation.

What they found was buried trash of the fraternity Zeta Psi, who once inhabited the house that Professor Wilkie called her office. The trash dated back to the 1920's and Wilkie and her students began to examine the customs, lifestyles and habits of fraternity brothers in the 1920's.

During the following school year, her students studied the relics and dug up written and photographic records of the time as they tried to put together a picture of turn-of-the-century fraternity life.

Their was evidence that even in a time of Prohibition, Zeta Psi still found ways to party. The trash pit unveiled a number of alcohol-related bottles, most made between 1917 and 1925 despite Prohibition, which ran from 1919 to 1933.

Also found in the pit were items of feminine dress, notably a hat pin and some beads. Those seemed strange in light of the strict prohibitions on women in the house, until researchers found old pictures of young men dressed up in women's clothing, probably for skits or parities.

Colgate students involved in fisticuffs

Last Thursday morning at approximately 2:10 am, several students were involved in an altercation in downtown Hamilton. Two seniors were involved in the scuffle and both were arrested at the scene for disorderly conduct.

A junior was injured in the altercation. Reports stated that he was punched and fell to the ground, hitting his head. The student was taken to Hamilton Community Hospital, where he received X- rays and a CAT scan to determine the severity of his injuries. According to the Hamilton Police Sargent Larry Butts, his injuries were "not life-threatening."

"The actions last Wednesday night were inexcusable," said the President of the fraternity involved, Mark Whitworth. "There have been several such incidents in the past and now it's up to the University and the village police to resolve the situation. I think it's a credit to the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega that we have stood together and resisted the temptation of reciprocal action."

Jackson urges Michigan students to make impact

"Ann Arbor, come on down. Go right down that aisle and register now. You cannot impact this system unregistered," was the message political activist and once presidential candidate, Rev. Jesse Jackson delivered to the crowd in a packed voter registration rally at the University of Michigan last week.

Apart from Rev. Jackson, the rally consisted of student leaders and elected officials from across the state. Jackson instructed all unregistered voters in the audience to get out of their seats and register at the tables set up outside of the crowded auditorium.

"These students who registered today will never forget they were registered by the Rev. Jesse Jackson," Rose said.

Jackson commented on the diversity of the Ann Arbor audience- an aspect of campus life on which the University prides itself.

"You look like what (Martin Luther King Jr.) lived and died for- you look like a little United Nations here,"Jackson said.

WORLD NEWS

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Lebed warns of military uprisings in Russia

(Moscow)— Russian security chief Alexander Lebed launched an outspoken attack on the Russian government Wednesday, saying its failure to pay soldiers' wages could soon spark military uprisings. "An armed mutiny may take place this autumn," he told *Vechernyaya Moskva* newspaper during an interview. Lebed gave no details of what sort of mutiny he thought might occur. But he appeared to be talking about local unrest in the ranks, rather than a generals' coup of the sort he warned of after taking office in June. The interview fueled speculation that Lebed and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin are jockeying for the office of the presidency as Russian President Boris Yeltsin lies in the hospital awaiting a heart bypass operation. Lebed, a 46-year-old former general, is not a member of Chernomyrdin's government but reports directly to Yeltsin who has recently suffered a heart attack and shows other signs of ailing. Lebed openly covets Yeltsin's succession and told reporters he could save the country from collapse if he were in charge. It is not the first time Lebed has denounced the government. Last month, he wrote Yeltsin demanding that Chernomyrdin revise his 1997 budget to give more cash to the defense sector. Lebed concluded that the government has "buried their head in the sand...but very serious developments are going on." (CNN)

Israelis and Palestinians leave dozens dead

(Ramallah, West Bank)— Palestinian police and Israeli troops battled each other Thursday throughout the West Bank and Gaza, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned from Europe and went directly to an emergency cabinet meeting. Netanyahu was also trying to arrange a meeting with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to discuss ways to stop the bloodshed. At least 36 Palestinians and 10 Israelis have been killed and hundreds wounded in two days of fighting — the most dramatic sign yet of the collapse of Israel's fragile peace. This week's violence was set off by this weeks completion of an Israeli-constructed tourist tunnel in Jerusalem's Muslim sector. The tunnel, begun 12 years ago, connects or passes near sites considered holy to Christians, Muslims and Jews. Muslims are angered because the underground pedestrian path runs near the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, because it is the site of the Jewish Temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD Palestinians claim the tunnel undermines their control over Jerusalem holy sites and violates Israeli assurances that no changes will be made in the disputed city until its future has been determined in peace negotiations. Both Israelis and Palestinians claim Jerusalem as their capital. (CNN)

Tensions rise following submarine grounding

(South Korea)— The Pentagon is not ready to make a decision to resume U.S.-South Korean military exercises, officials said Tuesday. The joint military exercises were last held in 1993, and have been suspended for two years as a concession to North Korea. South Korea said it wanted to revive the joint military exercises called "Team Spirit" following last week's botched incursion by a North Korean submarine into its territory. Although North Korean officials claim the mini-submarine ran aground during a routine training exercise, South Koreans fear that the mini-sub was used to land infiltrators on their soil. The mini-sub was discovered last Wednesday and eleven of its crew were found dead nearby, apparently killed in a mass suicide. The remaining fifteen or so members of the crew, however, were running loose in South Korea. The escaped crewmembers, dressed in civilian clothing and scattered widely over northern South Korea, were armed with guns and grenades. So far, nine of the crewmembers have been killed and one captured in a massive manhunt that has involved no less than 40,000 South Korean troops. Several South Korean military personnel and civilians have also been killed. (CNN)

IRA bomb stash seized in London

(London)— British police seized more than 10 tons of explosives from suspected Irish Republican Army hideouts Monday, possibly thwarting an imminent terrorist attack. "I can't exclude the possibility that an attack could have been today (Monday) or tomorrow (Tuesday)," said David Veness, London's assistant police chief. Likely targets: sites in London and prominent individuals. One suspected IRA member was killed and five others arrested. One suspect works for British Airways at London's Gatwick Airport. Police found at least two bombs designed for under cars. They also found Semtex plastic explosives and explosives like to those used in the Oklahoma City bombing. The terrorists dramatically ended a 17-month-long cease-fire in February with a half-ton bomb in London's commercial area that killed two. Since that blast seven other IRA bombs have exploded in Britain. Monday's seizures cast doubt on recent reports that the IRA and its political wing Sinn Fein were moving closer to declaring a new cease-fire. (CNN)

NATIONAL NEWS

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Late term abortions voted out

(Capitol Hill)—57 to 41. That was the vote yesterday as the Senate sustained President Clinton's veto of a ban on one kind of late-term abortions. The procedure involves partial delivery of the fetus before it's aborted. The attempt to override fell well short of the two-thirds majority needed. Opponents of the ban acknowledge that the late-term abortion technique is gruesome, but they argue it's sometimes needed to protect the life or health of the mother. Supporters of the ban promise to keep the issue alive during the election campaign. (AP)

Valujet takes to air

(Washington) — ValuJet says it will be back in the air Monday. The Transportation Department has endorsed the FAA's finding that the budget carrier has met all government requirements and is certified to fly again. ValuJet was grounded in June following a fatal crash in Florida. The FAA had doubts about the airline's maintenance operation. Although many of ValuJet's own employees expressed relief, the Association of Flight Attendants complains that the approval to fly ignores a record of safety violations and incompetent management. The union says it will go to federal court to keep ValuJet from flying. (AP)

FDA rejects obesity drug

(Bethesda, Maryland) — Concern over a small but worrisome side effect is causing government scientific advisers to turn thumbs down on a new drug to treat obesity. The Food and Drug Administration panel says the first in a new class of obesity drugs works, but there is concern about its propensity to raise patients' blood pressure. The action leaves thousands of disappointed obese patients who had hoped for an alternative to another drug now available. That drug, called Redux, can produce a rare but potentially fatal illness, pulmonary hypertension. (AP)

Polly's trial settled

(San Jose, California) — The father of murdered 12-year-old Polly Klaas lunged at her killer in court, and screamed at him to "burn in hell," after the accused man — Richard Allen Davis — accused Marc Klaas of molesting his own daughter. Klass was removed from court and Davis was then sentenced to death. Before being sentenced, Davis was allowed to address the court. He has denied any sexual assault on Polly before murdering her. He said that Polly asked him not do to her what her father did. That's when Marc Klaas yelled and started toward Davis. Later, Klaas called Davis' statement a "vile and sinister and evil act." Klaas said Davis wanted to hurt him one more time because of Klaas' efforts to have Davis executed. (AP)

Lecture explores lesbian and gay issues and the law

By Ilko Menkov '00
News Staff Writer

"Lesbian and Gay Issues in the Law" is the title of a panel which will take place on Friday, September 27 at 4 pm in the Red Pit. It will feature Mary Bonauto and Janet Halley, two distinguished lawyers and Hamilton's good friends.

The panel is the second lecture sponsored by the Kirkland Project for the study of gender, society and culture. It is also supported by the Dean of Faculty, President, Dean of Students, Womyn's Community Center, Rainbow Alliance, and Faculty for Women's Concerns. We should also mention the efforts of Nancy Rabinowitz, Professor of Comparative Literature at Hamilton, who invited the guest speakers and participated actively in the organization of the panel.

Mary Bonauto, one of the speakers, graduated from Hamilton in 1982. She attended law school at Northeastern University. Having received her degree, she entered private practice for two and a half years. She is now Civil Rights Project Director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston. Mary Bonauto works to enforce in the six New England states a gay rights law which has been passed in Massachusetts. She will speak on "How Far Have We Come?: Legal Evolution of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights." She said she would discuss "the historical perspective of law as it affects gays." An important part of her speech will be the "two-steps-forward, one-and-a-half-step backwards" progress which has won many important victories for the rights of gays and lesbians.

Janet Halley is the author of numerous articles "on the legal implications of debates around queer identity", as Professor Rabinowitz said. Janet Halley received her PhD degree in Literature from Princeton University. She attended Yale Law School and taught in the English department at Hamilton. Later she practiced law in Boston, but decided to return to teaching and now she is a Professor of Law at the Stanford Law School. Professor Halley will speak on "The New Military Anti-Gay Policy."

According to Professor Rabinowitz, "In the wake of passage of the Defense of Marriage Act, the panel seems especially timely." Furthermore, now is the right time to, "make Hamilton more aware of homophobia," and the panel is certainly going to contribute to that. The goals of the organizers of the panel are to attract the attention of the students to the contradictory issues of "queer identity" and to make them get involved in the discussions on these issues. The Kirkland Project Coordinating Council welcomes every member of Hamilton community and invites you to attend the panel.

Medina's lecture entertaining, insightful

Photo by Julie Losauro '99

Students thouroughly enjoyed listening to the experiences Medina encountered.

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pointed, she declared that she wasn't going to mention the Study Abroad Program in her book.

Another student used his Spanish to ask the Senora (the Spanish host with whom they were staying) if the soup they were eating contained "contraceptives," confusing the Spanish word for "preservatives."

But Medina's lecture was primarily a personal story. The geography, art, food, and people all impacted him, Medina said. His trips to Spain caused him to "gain a deeper sense of self" and especially improved his "ability to think."

Toward the end of the lecture, Medina indicated that he and his wife would probably be participating in three more study abroad trips, but even after that he will continue to go back to Spain. Medina claims: "The country has become a part of my soul."

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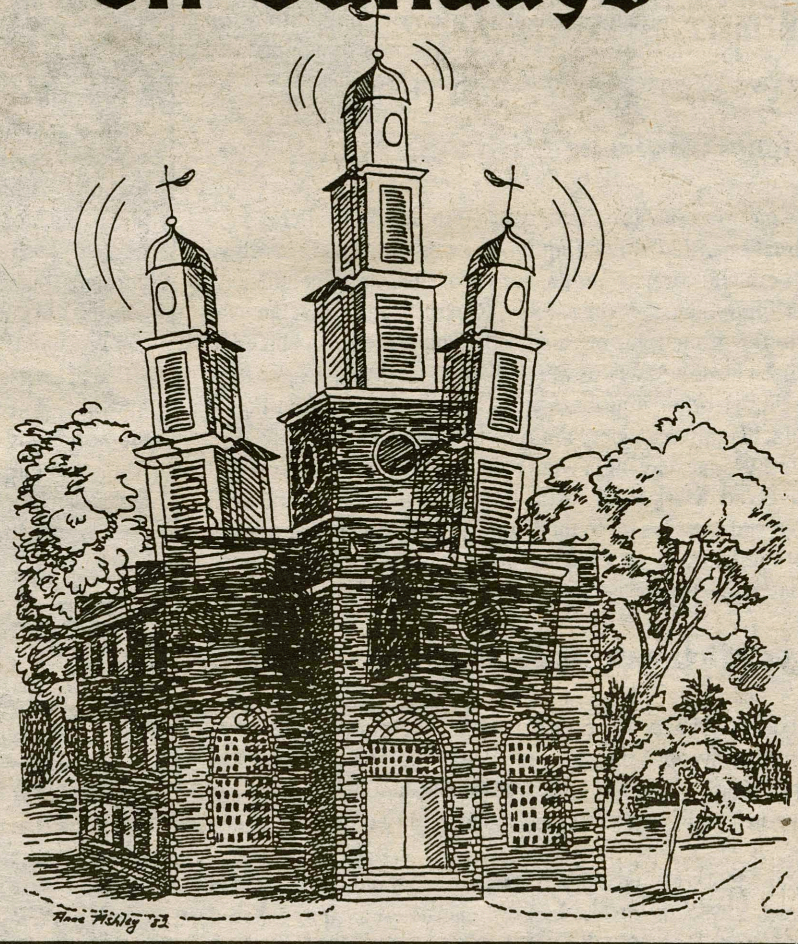

Protestant Service: 10:30 am—Juice, Coffee, Doughnuts
11:00 am—Worship
Catholic Service: 1:00 pm—Newman Mass

24 hour medical service wanted, E.M.T.'s overworked

By Brian Giacometti '99
NEWS ANALYSIS

One of the features of Hamilton College that is so often taken for granted is the Thomas B. Rudd Health Center, located directly in the middle of campus. The clinic, equipped with an in-house pharmacy, on-site laboratory, and sufficient general medical necessities usually finds itself with a waiting room full of the diseased and the bruised, the distraught and the confused, who would otherwise have to travel far off campus for care.

NEWS ANALYSIS

All of this and more is available from Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to the members of the Hamilton Community. Recently, the issue has been raised that a major problem with Thomas B. Rudd is the insufficient hours kept. "After all," a perturbed student comments, "we don't always get sick during weekday afternoons, and when we do, we're too busy to stop by the Medical Center at those times."

It has been suggested that longer hours, extending beyond the average sports practice schedule and weekend hours would be in the best interest for everyone at Hamilton. This has been an issue long enough to bring about a heavy sigh and a carefully neutral explanation when the subject was brought up to workers at the Health Center - a majority of on started working after the hours we know now had been enacted.

Lucille McDermott, Director of the Health Center, mentioned that "75% of colleges have similar hours and almost every college will eventually switch as well." McDermott, who admits that she would be the first to speak up if the students are not being properly treated, makes sure that every student who walks in gets treated, even if it requires staying past the 4:30 closing time.

After hour care is provided by our overworked and under-appreciated Emergency Medical Technicians, and transportation is provided by the Health Center to Slocum-Dickson or St. Luke's in case of a true emergency. The time in transit is only 15 minutes, and transportation is arranged through an R.A.

The Health Center initially stopped the 24-hour care for many reasons, as McDermott says, "Quite frequently, with some of the patients that were seen at night, a large number were recovering for alcohol." A situation that the Administration didn't feel they should continue to support.

So, what would be the benefit of extended hours? Well some E.M.T.'s feel that some of the calls that they have to respond to aren't significant enough to require emergency care. And while they're treating these minor situations, more important emergencies suffer. Also, a quarantine would be available for students in danger of infecting their roommates with illnesses such as chicken pox. Although McDermott says, "they've already exposed their roommates before they come here, all we can do is medicate and release."

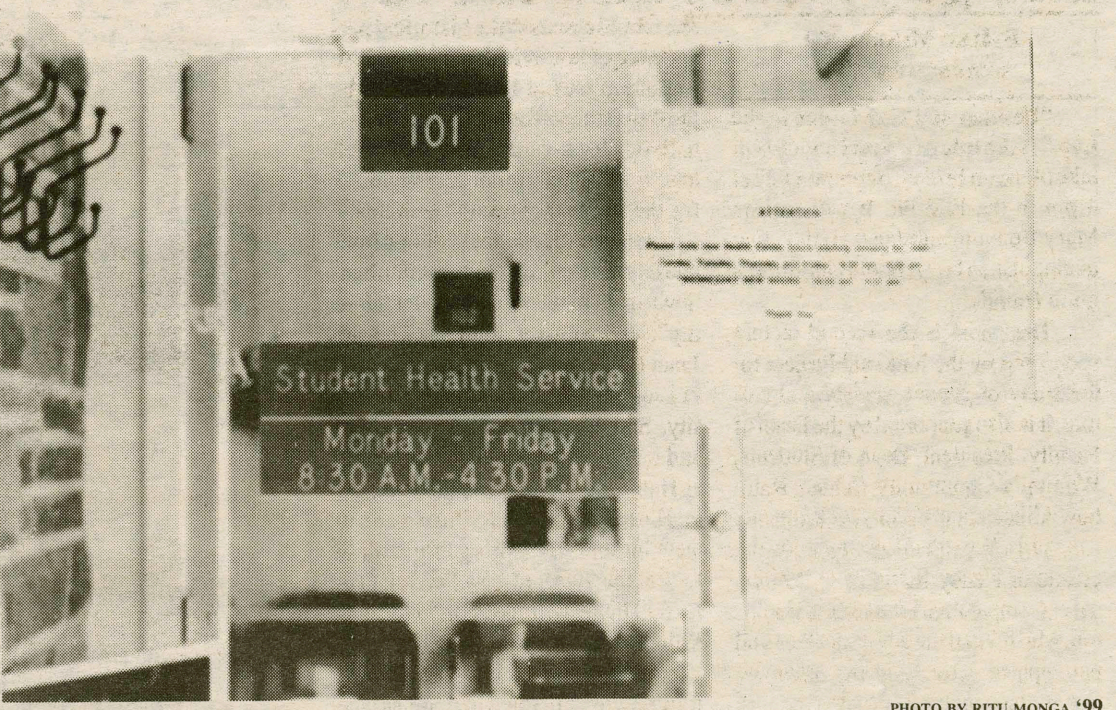

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Some students and administrators disagree on Health Center hours.

Nancy Thompson, Acting Dean of Students says "I miss the ability to quarantine, but that still doesn't justify the cost." She defends the school's decision to restrict the hours on a strictly financial platform: "I didn't feel that medical care provided in those hours justified the enormous costs." Thompson, also disclosing that the majority of patients of those hours were drunk, agrees with McDermott that most students can find time during the week to stop in if needed. "You can't tell me that there is a student booked 8:30 to 4:30 everyday," says McDermott.

The decision was not the Medical Center's. In fact, their say in the whole matter was minimal. The final decision even came as a shock to many of the workers at the time, some of which lost their jobs as a result. In the meantime, the Center has been told by the Dean of Students Office that the situation is not going to change. It now acts as an average clinic in the real world, reminding us that people don't go to see their physicians in the middle of the night.

Regardless of the arguments, a room for medical isolation on campus seems to be an important loss. And what about emergency first aid equipment without calling the E.M.T.'s for a cut? Does losing sleep over an ear infection that could be soothed with a quick visit to the clinic justify the funds? Or what about emergency contraceptives, or simply questions that you want to sit down and discuss, without being rushed to your next class? And finally, what about the endless void that occurs on the weekends? Are weekend hours possible?

Thompson admits that many things are possible and deserve a strong investigative look, but after her experience and previous research on the subject, suggests that there isn't a real need, given the massive expenses required. As for the quarantine, a place should be designated, but where? and how? The fourth floor of Bristol had been used in the past, but with frequent guests, diseased inmates wouldn't give Hamilton points in hospitality.

Should the Health Center extend it's hours? If not to 24, then maybe at least through evenings and on weekends would be beneficial. The question that must be answered concerns the almighty dollar and the desire for convenience- which is more important?

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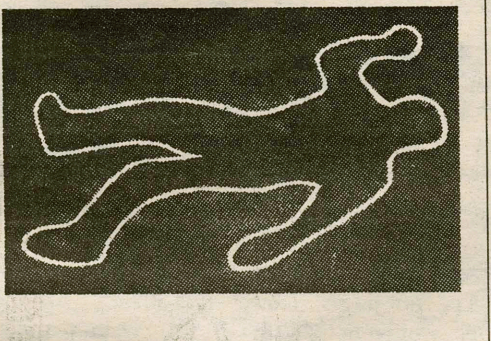

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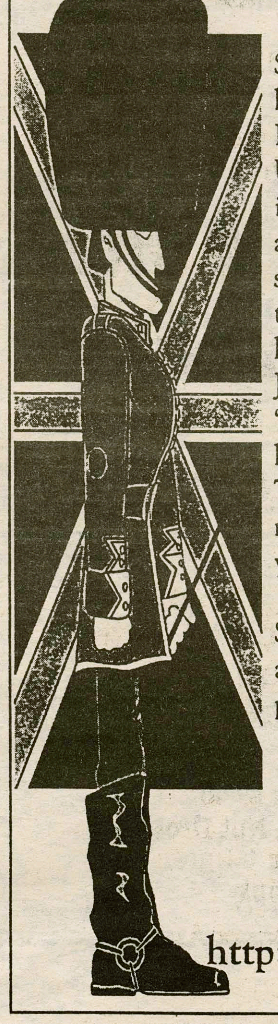

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Zorro on a lunch box

By Jamie Wilson '00
Features Staff Writer

The Oneida County Historical Society was formed in 1878 and serves to collect, preserve and commemorate the history of Central New York. The Society is located in Utica at 1608 Genesee Street. The society sponsors and presents events pertaining to the history of Central New York.

Currently there are a number of exhibits on at the Historical Society. The feature exhibition is "Utica in the Fifties: A Community Transformed." This exhibit is an ongoing project which has recently added two mini exhibits to complement the featured exhibit. One exhibit is a collection of memorabilia from New York's three Major League Baseball teams - The Yankees, The Giants and The Dodgers. Included in this mini-exhibit are baseball cards, programs, balls, gloves and other associated paraphernalia. This is a must see for any baseball fan. The second exhibit is a collection of lithographed metal lunch boxes decorated with various TV Western stars. If you are a fan of Annie Oakley, Roy Rogers, Marshall Dillon or just a closet Zorro fan, you can be sure to satisfy your interests here. The exhibit also includes board games from "Tales of Wells Fargo," and "Wyatt Earp" programs and a Zorro jigsaw puzzle.

Along with the ongoing exhibits that the Historical Society is presenting, they are also inaugurating a new program series called the Weaver-Auert Lecture. This lecture series began on Wednesday, September 25 with Samuel Kennedy speaking about the Upstate New York author "Samuel Hopkins Adams and his Oneida County Connections." Mr. Adams graduated from Hamilton College and was a long active alumnus until his death in 1958. Professor Kennedy is chair of the Newspaper Department at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. Professor Kennedy has written a biography of Mr. Adams which is scheduled for publication by Syracuse University Press in the Fall of 1997. Future lectures include Brian Patterson on Wednesday October 16 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Patterson is a representative of the Oneida Indian Nation. On Wednesday November 20 at 7:30 pm, Easton Pribble will be speaking on the Art and Architecture of cemeteries.

The Oneida County Historical Society is a non profit organization. They are always looking for volunteers for their museum gallery and to lead tours. If you are interested call 735-3642 for more info.

Cappi hour at Cafe Enigmatique

By Steve Wood '98
Contributing Writer

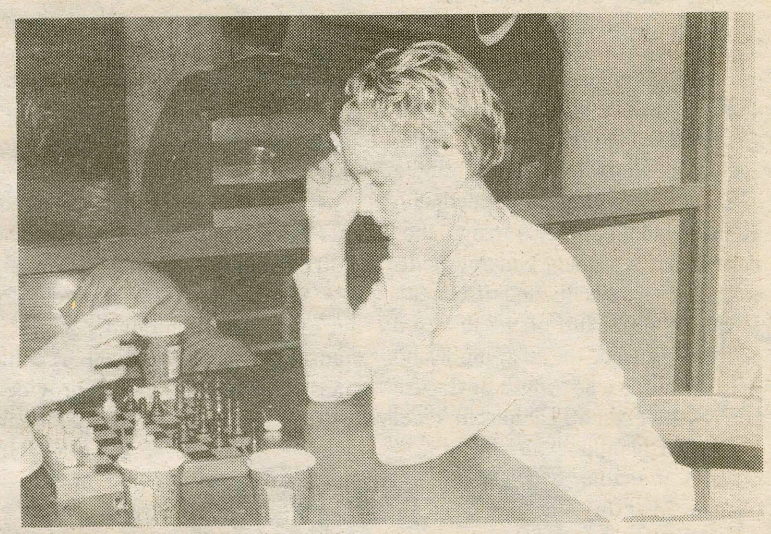

Photo by Julie Losauro '99

The Opus bliss. Cafe Opus offers students, faculty, dogs and assorted other beings a place to enjoy three of life's true pleasures: coffee, chess and smokes.

So what's the mystery? What's the buzz? You get a dose (caffeine) when you need to write a paper, or when you're bound to stay up all hours of the night and need a little help. An occasional muffin doesn't add too much fat to your trim waistline either - they're damn good muffins too. But is that all? Is there nothing else the grand Opus has to offer in it's recessed area of the Schambach center? What's the angle?

In that early morning delirium that strangles the mind to the point of incomprehension of a simple alarm clock I wake every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I beat the maniacal machine until I can no longer feel the quivering of my tortured ear drums. I push my face back into the pillow and am content to forget the world again in my world of dreams. My room mate's alarm goes off about 2 minutes later so it doesn't do much good. I wipe the grime from my eyes, accidentally fall into my clothes, and rush off to open Café Opus. My calling in life.

> **There is really something fantastic about being a barista, making foam foam foam to kill a rhinoceros. Can you spell rhinoceros?**

Maybe there's something romantic about making coffee at 7:30 in the morning for all of those loyal professors, staff, and students. I like to think there is. Maybe I'm foolish. But there really is something fantastic about being a barista, making foam foam foam to kill a rhinoceros. Can you spell rhinoceros? Fame and fortune is really why I do it.

But what about all of the others? Why do people keep coming back? I could lay it down as one of life's unexplainable mysteries and be done with it. I've always been the inquisitive type though, so I'll try to pose a few plausible answers: Maybe the coffee (finest in a very large radius of campus), maybe the eclectic selection of music played, maybe the employees (we do have friends you know), the friendly employers (they don't bite, and Larry is always good for a chat), the homey couches and comfy chairs provide for wonderful cat-naps, open-mic night (say whatever you want), Cappi-hour (1$ espresso drinks and specialties), maybe its the random art we like to collect (if you want any of your own displayed, call us at X4577), who could really say.

All I know is that the grand Opus fills a bleakness in my soul that will surely consume me upon graduation. You too could feel as alive as I do. So come on over to Café Opus and get a muffin (suggested Butter-Rum) and a coffee or latté to fill the bleakness in your soul. Or just stare at a wall all day. You choose.

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Ask Riley

Riley
c/o The Spectator

Dear Riley,

To avoid getting a cold during the long winter here, my plan is to drink lots of fruit juices. However, this does not mesh with my roommate's plan, which is to ignore his illnesses by drinking lots of beer. Because our refrigerator is always stuffed full of barley pops, as he calls them, I can't keep my juice cold. How should I resolve this problem?

-Juiced Up

Dear Juiced Up,

Try to convince your roommate to switch to mixed drinks, like vodka and orange juice, so that your juice can occupy the fridge. If he doesn't like mixed drinks, just drink enough of his beers to make room for your juice. Actually, in about a month, just placing your juice outside the window will keep it colder than it would be in a refrigerator. Whichever of these solutions you use, I hope your room is near the bathroom on your floor.

Dear Riley,

The fluorescent lights in my dorm are murdering my eyesight. I can't even see this paper that I'm writing to you on. Where can I find natural light, or can I do without seeing at all?

-Wide Eyed

Dear Wide,

You could almost do without the use of your sense of sight, if not for the fact that you need to see the advice that I am offering you in this column. The best light for your eyes is natural light, and nature, as you probably know, abhors a vacuum. So if you have a vacuum in your room, set it on fire and use the light from this flame to see your textbooks by. You may want to only burn a part of it, like the hose, each time you need to see, in order to conserve your supply of natural light. If you don't own a vacuum, or if you want to use it to clean your room for the first time since your arrival, your RA will give you access to one.

Dear Riley,

Yesterday, I went to the athletic center and lifted weights for the first time in my life. I discovered that I have less than zero upper body strength. I made a complete fool of myself in front of all my buff fellow students. The crowning insult was when I had to have someone help me pick up the sign-in sheet when it fell on the floor on my way out. Should I decline to ever show my face in the weight room again, or is there still some way for me to impress everyone with my weight room prowess?

-Weak Willed

Dear Weak,

There is a way for you to make an impression on those who laughed with you without using dangerous steroids. I have a three-part plan that will lead you to success. As you enter the room, kick the door open. If it is already open, quietly close it, then kick it back open again. Next, take a barbell from the rack and run a couple laps around the outside of the room, high-fiving everyone that you meet on the way around. When you tire of this, bench-press one of the exercise bikes, then carry it to the window above your head and hurl it through the glass. Use the opening you have made to exit the room. Then go directly back to your room and wait for the phone calls to start rolling in.

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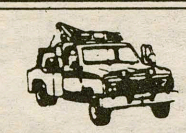

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Bunny spreads Playboy charm on Hill

This article originally appeared in the *Spectator* on October 14, 1966. It is the second in a series of previously published articles meant to expose Hamilton history.

By Bob Kerr

Liz Moorman, who visited the Hill this week with lecturer Alex Haley, has been a Playboy bunny since January of this year, and in just nine months she seems to have become completely converted to the Playboy ideal.

Miss Moorman, who is reputed to have the I.Q. of a genius, originally planned on a medical career and was a pre-med student at the University of Houston. But the "lure of filthy lucre" and her aversion to the city of Houston drew her to Chicago where she became a popular member of the big happy Playboy family. She now lives in Hugh Hefner's palatial Funhouse on Chicago's north side along with the other bunnies in their own private "bunny hutch."

Miss Moorman possesses all the natural attributes which most people associate with the glorified cocktail waitresses of the Playboy clubs. She is attractive but not in any extraordinary way, and she has the poise necessary to serve the club's exclusive clientele.

She has also mastered the knack of giving a lengthy answer to a difficult question without really saying anything. She seems the ideal representative of Hugh Hefner's fairy tale empire.

It may come as a shock to many, but Hugh Hefner is not the tycoon playboy his magazine glamorizes. According to Miss Moorman, Hef, as his friends and associates are privileged to call him, is somewhat of a recluse who rarely leaves the grounds of his estate.

He sometimes works for three days straight, sleeps for eight hours, and then returns to his work. The all-night parties which have been so widely publicized are a thing of the past. Now Sunday movies and buffets are the mansion's major diversions.

He consumes twenty bottles of Pepsi-Cola a day and has had the same girlfriend, Mary Warren, for the past two and a half years. He clings to various Playboy ceremonies only to prove to himself that "it's really happening to him."

"He's really childlike in a lot of ways," said Miss Moorman.

Being a Playboy bunny cannot, of course, be considered a career. But for bunnies who just don't have it anymore there is the opportunity to become a bunny mother with a certain number of bunnies under her care. "Being a bunny is like treading water for a few years. It offers the opportunity to meet influential people who might possibly help you in entering a real career."

Miss Moorman said that bunnies receive no salary and work strictly on tips, but that the job is very lucrative nevertheless. She seldom has trouble with customers who want to "take their bunny home."

She can remember one instance, however, when she thwarted a customer's natural impulse and discovered he was a leader in Chicago's gangland syndicate. He threatened to have her "bumped off" for her uncooperative attitude, but so far there have been no attempts on her life.

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The restrictions which being a bunny have placed on Miss Moorman's social life are sometimes severe. She cannot date keyholders whom she has met through her work at the club, and her working hours don't end until 4 a.m. "Any man I date has to have a lot of stamina to adjust to my hours."

As for her views on the sacred state of marriage, Miss Moorman was quite frank in saying she was not in favor of monogamy. "The human libido is simply not geared to monogamous relationships."

When asked, after spending a day on the Hill, what kind of man reads *Playboy*, Miss Moorman replied: "The man who reads *Playboy* is generally intelligent and broad-minded; a man who agrees with the philosophy which the magazine supports."

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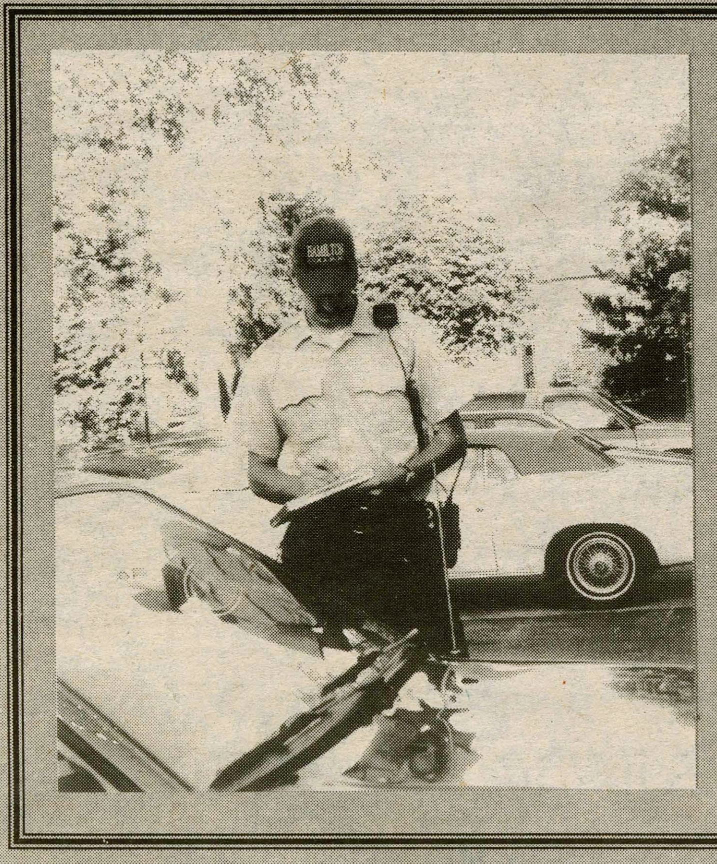

- compiled by Joe Freeman '00

September 18
1:00PM- Petty larceny was reported in the fueldhouse.
5:03PM- Vandals struck the area behind McEwen
5:30PM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on Mason Field.
8:30PM- Security discovered an alcohol violation at Griffin Rd.
9:30PM- A loose smoke detector triggered a fire alarm in Milbank.

September 19
10:00AM- Another case of larceny was reported in the Gym Locker Room.
6:45PM- Security responded to a case of reckless driving around South Campus.
6:50PM- An alcohol violation was discovered at Griffin Rd.
10:00PM- A case of vandalism was reported at the Little Pub.

September 20
12:12AM- The vandals struck again, this time outside of South.
1:05AM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Babbitt.
2:20PM- A case of harassment was reported in North.

September 21
3:00AM- Vandals continued their defacing of campus, striking Martin's Way.
3:50AM- A case of harassment was reported in Milbank.
4:20PM- There was a motor vehicle accident at the entrance to Bundy.
6:37PM- There was a medical emergency at the Bundy Dining Hall.

September 22
12:20AM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Bundy
12:50AM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency in Dunham.

September 23
4:17PM- A fire alarm was reported at Psi Upsilon.
6:00PM- A smoke detector triggered a fire alarm at Griffin Rd.
7:00PM- A car was broken into in the Root Extension Lot
10:45PM- Harassment was reported in Root Hall.

September 24
5:57AM- A fire alarm in Kirkland was caused by a smoke detector.
6:00AM- A detector triggered a fire alarm at Griffin Rd.
8:54AM- A smoke detector was the cause of a fire alarm at ABC House.
9:56AM- Griffin Rd. was plagued with another fire alarm, set off by a detector.
12:45PM- The remains of an alcohol violation were discovered in Root Glen.
4:39PM- HCEMS responded to two medical emergencies on the IM Field.
5:10PM- Another car was burglarized on the Root Extension Lot.
9:54PM- A fire alarm was triggered at 11 College Hill Rd.

September 25
3:30AM- A car was seen driving on the sidewalk near the Visitors Lot.
6:12AM- Thieves struck the McEwen Dining Hall.

Spring 1996 Judicial Board hearings

A student who was rude and verbally abusive with a security officer when asked to leave ad event was found responsible for the charges of failure to comply with the request of an official hired by event sponsors and disorderly conduct. The student was placed on a status of warning until his graduation from Hamilton (remainder of term).

Students who were given a piece of the GLBSA banner and took no action were found responsible for the charge of possession of stolen property and were placed on a status of warning for one year and required to complete 20 hours of community service with the Director of Multicultural Affairs.

A student who struck another student was found responsible for the charge of actual, attempted, or threatened physical assault of or violence upon another person. The student was placed on a status of probation throught his graduation from Hamilton (three semesters) and was required to perform 225 hours of community service (25 prior to the end of the term). The student was also banned from the Little Pub through graduation.

A student who urinated in another student's closet while in an extremely intoxicated state was found responsible for the charges of consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21; participating in actions that endanger the health and safety of oneself and others; causing damage to property; and disorderly conduct. He was placed on a status of probation for three semesters and was referred to the TRAC program.

A student who kicked down his porch railing while in an intoxicated state was found responsible for the charges of damaging College prooperty and consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21. He was placed on a status of proobation for three semesters; referred to the TRAC program; required to con.plete 20 hours of community service with the Physical Plant, required to write a letter of apology to the other building residents, and make financial restitution for the damage.

A fraternity that failed to maintain control at a social event sponsored by the group was charged with damaging College property and violation of item 3 on the Host Responsibility form (People under the age of 221 may not be served alcohol). The fraternity was required to make financial restitutions for the damages; lost the privilege to sponsor events with alcohol for the remainder of the term; required to create a list of social host guidelines to be used at future fraternity functions; fraternity as a group (excluding pledges) was required to provide clean-up assistance with Physical Plant staff for Al Ham Weekend events.

A student found responsible for the charges of consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21 and violating the Substance-Free residence hall contract was placed on a status of probation for two semesters; required to write a letter of apology to the custodian who cleaned up the vomit, and required to meet with a counselor to assess the role of alcohol in the student's life.

A student who allowed for prank calls to the College switchboard operator to be made from his room was found responsible for the charges of harassment of the College Switchboard Operator, failure to comply with the request of a College official, and knowingly furnishing false information to a College official. The student was placed on a status of probation through graduation from College (two and a half semesters) and is required to perform 150 hours of community service for the Office of Campus Safety before his graduation from Hamilton.

A student found responsible for the charges of consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21; failure to comply with the request of a College official, and disorderly conduct after repeatedly trying to gain access to an event to which he was not invited, was placed on a status of probation for two semesters and will be required to complete 10 hours of community service with the Physical Plant.

A student who was discovered to have a bong in his room which had been used recently was found responsible for the charge of use of a controlled substance and was placed on status of probation for one and a half semesters, referred to the TRAC program, and required to move to another residence hall for the remainder of the semester.

A student who placed harassing telephone calls to another student was found responsible for the charge of harassment and placed on a status of probation until his graduation from Hamilton (two years), and required to complete 140 hours of community service with the physical plant.

A student who kicked in the door of a Campus Safety vehicle was found responsible for the charges of disorderly conduct and damaging College property and was placed on a status of probation for one year, required to perform 35 hours of community service with the Director of Campus Safety, and pay for the repair of the vehicle ($1,198.50)

A student who was found responsible for the charge of damaging College property after his car was driven on the golf course was required to pay for repairing the golf course, complete 15 hours of community service with the physical plant prior to December 1996, and lost the privilege to have a vehicle on campus for one semester.

Two students who were found responsible for the charge of damaging College property and disorderly conduct after tearing down papers from doors and walls, and damaging a residence hall bathroom were placed on a status of probation for one year, required to perform 20 hours of community service, pay for repair of the damage, and participate in the TRAC program.

A student found responsible for consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21 while on a probationary status received an additional semester of probation and was referred to the TRAC program.

A student who damaged a book in the Colgate library was found responsible for the charge of the theft of property and placed on a status of probation for the remainder of the term (until her graduation) and required to perform 12 hours of community service with the Hamilton library staff, and make restitution to the Colgate library.

A student who tore down the GLBSA banner from the Little Pub and distributed pieces to two friends was found responsible for the charges of theft of property and harassment and was placed on a status of probation for one year, assigned 30 hours of community service with the Director of Multicultural Affairs and 15 hours with the Physical Plant; required to write a letter of apology to the Rainbow Alliance to be delievered in the fall, and pay for replacement of the banner. In addition, membership in the Conservative and Republican Clubss was suspended for one semester.

A student who partcipated in the theft of the GLBSA banner was found responsible for the charge of theft of property and was placed on a status of probation through his graduation at the end of the semester and required to write a letter of apology to the Rainbow Alliance for his participation in the incident.

A student who struck a light pole and another vehicle in a quad on campus was found responsible for the charge of engaging in actions that endanger the health and safety of himself and others and consumption of alcohol as a minor. He was placed on a status of probation for one year; is required to pay for the damage to the light pole and the other vehicles; lost the privilege to have a car on campus for two years, must complete 15 hours of community service with the physical plant and complete the TRAC program.

The residents of a suite were found responsible for the following charges: violation of the policy which states that animals are not allowed in the residence halls; violation of the safety policy for roofs and ledges; damaging College property; violation of the bulk alcohol polic; failure to comply with repeated requests from College officials. They were placed on a status of probation until graduation (remainder of the term) and required to perform 50 hours of community service, 40 of it to be completed during senior week. Failure to complete community service would result in the loss of the privelege to participate in Commencement exercises.

A student who initiated an altercation, and consumed alcohol at the Pub after using false identification was found responsible for the charges of actual, attempted, or treatened physical assault of or violence upon, another person, consumption of alcohol as a person under the age of 21; and misreppresentation of age for the purpose of inducing a sale of alcohol. The student was suspended for one semester, banned for the Little Pub through graduation, and required to submit his false identification to the Director of Campus Safety.

A student who had been involved in a prior disciplinary incident and placed harassing phone calls to another student was found responsible for the charge of harassment and was expelled from Hamilton College.

For the dead and the living we must bear witness

OWEN GRANT

INHALE TO THE CHIEF

Many of you served as bystanders to the removal and pruning of several of the trees that reside on the North Quad. A common reaction to the seemingly senseless destruction of our campus's natural resources is that it is indeed senseless, however there are significant historical and biological issues, as well as architectural ideas that factored into the most recent restructuring of our school. The changes were made in order to facilitate an outdoor Bacculari reception as part of future graduation ceremonies.

Prior to the 1970's the campus was primarily covered with enormous elm trees that collectively created a canopy in excess of sixty feet in height. Unfortunately the Dutch Elm Disease epidemic exterminated almost all of the trees as rapidly as Kirkland College accumulated a $2 million debt. As a result, Hamilton had to decide the direction of its future landscaping to prevent another such tragedy.

Traditionally there are two options that colleges face in planning a quad. The first is to leave the quad free from obstructions due to overhanging branches, and thereby highlight the quads architecture. The second is to have trees either in full view from any vantage point on the quad or with a high enough canopy so that cross quad vision is maintained.

After the tragedy in the seventies, (the death of the Elms, not Kirkland College) the team of tree planners and the trustees decided to diversify the species of trees that would be planted to guard against all of the trees being wiped out due to disease. Thus, the trees were planted and began to grow. In fact, Assistant Director Of the Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge has planted over 300 trees since joining the staff in 1976.

Hawkridge is one of three certified arborers on staff. This is more impressive when you consider that in New York State, there are less than 100 certified arborers. Hawkridge and his staff have worked intimately with the tress and natural resources on campus, along with the school's Landscape Architect, Tom Succup, for the past twenty years. Throughout the years the staff has tinkered with their additions, and the preexisting trees to protect their natural growth patterns.

Unfortunately, trees take time to fully blossom, and at this point, several trustees became anxious with the juvenile trees that still branch out onto the paths or otherwise create an overall low canopy. And so, the militant trustees, who sought unobstructed vision from one end of the quad to the other, forced the purest trustees into a compromise that resulted in the removal of several trees and the lifting up of many others.

In addition to the trees aesthetic qualities and biological attribute of releasing oxygen into our breathable atmosphere, they also protect passersby from the harsh winds of winter. However, due to the trustees mandate, these trees had to be altered.

So, Hawkridge and crew, who on Tuesday were formally recognized with a plaque for the Norway Spruce tree behind the admissions office, one of the largest in the world, set out to alter the seeds of their prior labor. First they pruned the Hemlocks that had limbs hanging down onto the path, and were forced to cut down one of them.

After mending the group of Hemlocks, scattered outside of Buttrick, the dilingently pruned the Norway Maple between Root and Carnegie. The Swamp White Oak in front of Carnegie needed an operation similar to that of separating Siamese twins, due to its infliction of fractnul fungus that has sickened the tree. A codominant tree, the Swamp Oak was spared as one of its foundations was removed, eliminating the disease. This change will facilitate the flow of light onto surrounding grass that was previously discolored.

The final tree to be removed was the Red-Oak in front of the library. After suffering nearly fatal lawnmower lesions in the off season, the tree was succumbed by insects that nearly killed it. The arborers sympathetically took the tree out of its misery, thereby achieving the trustees' goal of establishing an open view of the Library from Benedict

Succup, a Theta Delta Chi brother and Hamilton alumn once said of the ivy that vined alongside the buildings of North Quad, "As a Landscape Architect, I must recommend removing the ivy, (which threatens the insulation of buildings due to a buildup of cold moisture) but as an alumn I scream bloody murder". This is indicative of the dilemma involving the trees. The trustees who lobbied for the lifting up of the canopy were nostalgic of their days as students when 100 year old Elms that averaged 100 feet in height branched a canopy 60 feet high. These individuals were impatient with the juvenile trees and wanted the changes made now.

It is no coincidence that only a few short years after they decided to abolish Hamilton's fraternities, one of the schools longest standing traditions, that now suddenly they want to restore another old school attribute. And like their former decision, those that are now walking amidst change are left only to wait for the positive effects to emerge.

A LOOK TO THE PAST

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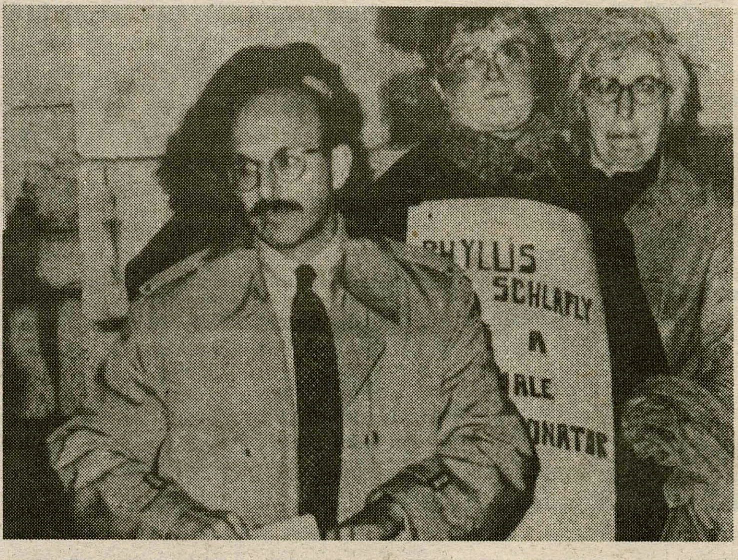

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Then Professor Eugene Tobin hands out leaflets in protest of conservative speaker Phyllis Schlafly.

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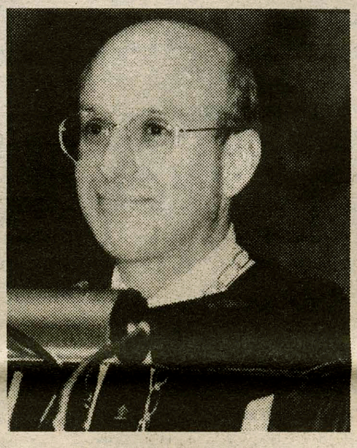

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"I'm sick and tired of hearing people call us [the College faculty] overly-politicized..."
— President Tobin Convocation '96

—COMPILED BY DANIEL MCALLISTER '99

Lessons from the Cultural Revolution of Mao Tse-Tong

BEN MINTZ

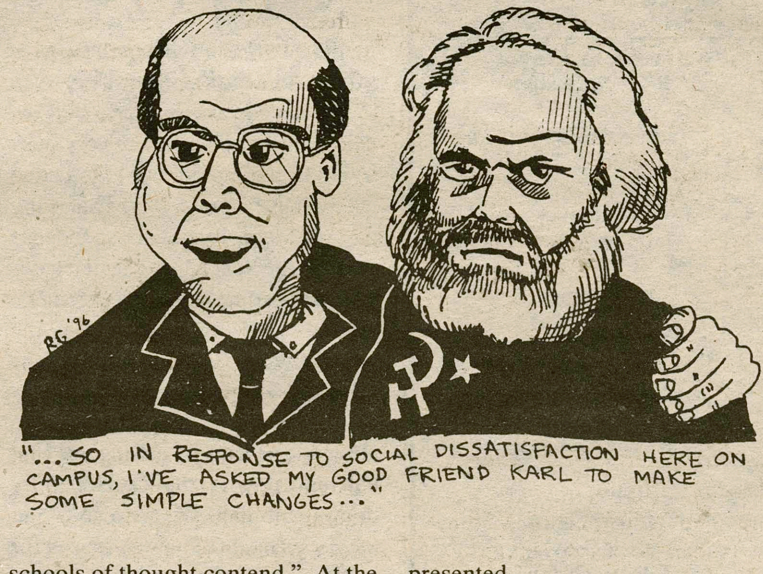
GRAY MATTERS

Some of my best academic experiences on the Hill thus far have been my classes on China and Asia. My charismatic professor and interesting new subject matter have inspired two semesters of study of the region and instilled me with much new, interesting knowledge. I thought that in this week's column I would share a little historic parable.

After a fishy period of internal conflict and war, a short, bald man named Mao Tse-Tong came to power as leader of China. Chairman Mao immediately began to redefine the nature of the country and its people. He instated Communism and even went so far as to change the nation's name to The People's Republic of China. Initially some business men were allowed to continue their work under the label of "Patriotic Capitalist." While they temporarily coexisted in harmony with the Communists, the businessmen were slowly feeling pressure from the government. More and more of the country's problems were being blamed on this positive sector of the community and regulations grew exponentially. While theoretically the country was Communist, it still had some socialist remainders. Unfortunately, the nation was falling into a slow decline as time worn on, and the government needed a scape goat for their own follies.

Finally, Chairman Mao decided to launch the "Cultural Revolution," a new program to ensure stability and absolute equality. Under this new, purer Communism, everyone was to be treated exactly equal and if one was not, the government took the liberty of adjusting their life to remedy the situation. China became a police state where innocent people feared for their lives. At will, the police army barged into the housing the government had delegated the citizens. In addition, the people of China were constantly conditioned to love communist China and Mao. During the Cultural Revolution, the government attempted to control every aspect of the lives of the people. Worst of all, those citizens who were suspected of having links to capitalists or doubts about the system were either publicly humiliated or executed. The lives of millions were ended through reconditioning or death.

The government launched programs with slogans such as "Plant a hundred flowers, Let a hundred schools of thought contend." At the same time, the government severely restricted thought which disagreed with its ideologies; it became an ironic situation.



Another terrible side effect of the new system was the fact that food was rarely available and often of poor quality. Citizens had to eat together at common meals. In a scene reminiscent of Oliver Twist the people received their meals, then retreated to long skinny tables to dine. The food was often disgusting and difficult to eat, but it was the only option presented.

Interestingly enough, cigarettes became a rare commodity in China as well. One Hamilton professor told me a story of being compensated with single cigarettes during the Cultural Revolution for his services as a doctor. Now the number of cigarette smokers in China exceeds the population of the United States.

Transportation became another problem. China's infrastructure was not capable of handling its population's automobiles. As a result, the people were forced to travel about on bicycle and foot. While this condition promotes good health, it makes it difficult to move efficiently and to transport large items.

A viscous program was launched to rid the countrysides of bugs; it was labeled "Away with all Pests." The country squandered its resources on this project and many senseless others like it.

Does the whole scenario sound familiar?

Eventually, Chairman Mao died and Communism began to fade. While the country is still Communist, it now is much more liberal, both socially and economically. The increasingly torrid pace of international trade forced the nation to abandon its wasteful ideals and reconsider its values in order to compete. The Chinese economy has begun to thrive and the people are happier.

I would like to close my article with one of Chairman Mao's quotes: "Now there are two attitudes towards learning from others. One is the dogmatic attitude of transplanting everything, whether or not it is suited to our conditions. This is no good. The other attitude is to use our heads and learn those things which suit our conditions, that is, to absorb whatever experience is useful to us. That is the attitude we should adopt."

Editorial

EDITORIAL

Bad publicity

"1,550,000 Circulation."

These words appear in the upper left hand corner of *U Magazine,* a national college newspaper which is sent to college students and prospectives nationwide. The cover story this month is about the dissappearance of "fun" on college campuses, with Hamilton mentioned as a primary example of the recent trend of administrators cracking down on students' social life. Most specifically, the article reads, "After two and a half years of closed discussions, the trustees at Hamilton college handed down a death sentance to the campus social scene."

1.5 million students, the majority of which are high-school seniors, will read this month of the "death sentence" which has been dealt to social life at Hamilton. The Residential-Life Decision, it seems, is giving us a bad name. Another college monthly, *Link,* paraphrases President Tobin as explaining that he felt fraternity houses might discourage students from applying to Hamilton. "Well," the magazine concludes, "at least the ones who don't know how to have any fun."

These two magazines reach a total of 2.5 million students. Prospective students across the nation are discovering, via the media, what we at Hamilton have known for the past two years: that the Residential-Life decision is making it increasingly difficult to have fun at Hamilton College. What effect this will have remains to be seen, but it is doubtless discouraging when 2.5 million people read that Hamilton only attracts students who "don't know how to have any fun."

Disturbing trends

Things have become fast, and are becoming faster. The tempo of life has picked up considerably and speed has become the theme of our century.

Nothing reflects this new lifestyle better than today's forms of media. Magazines, newspapers, the internet, television and movies have all embraced the culture of quickness. It is an obvious and disturbing trend.

Sound bites, film and news clips, and various other short attention satisfiers dominate entertainment. The most blatant examples exist on television, but the more recent and more dangerous trend seems to be the invasion of the literary clip. Newspapers and magazines are slowly degenerating into attractive bulletin boards where readers can browse through subjects effortlessly. Articles no longer delve into issues, they skim the surface.

What makes this trend so dangerous is what it sacrifices for efficiency. Information is conveyed quickly and easily, but the quality of the information is low. There are few issues that can be fully explained in the one page articles that are prevalent in the magazines considered "trendy."

While there are still publications that maintain integrity by refusing to cave into the latest trends, the majority of new magazines embody the short attention span media. Issues need to be discussed, not mentioned. It is sad that for many the headline is as far as they get in an article. If that is the extent of interest, then the new media have won.

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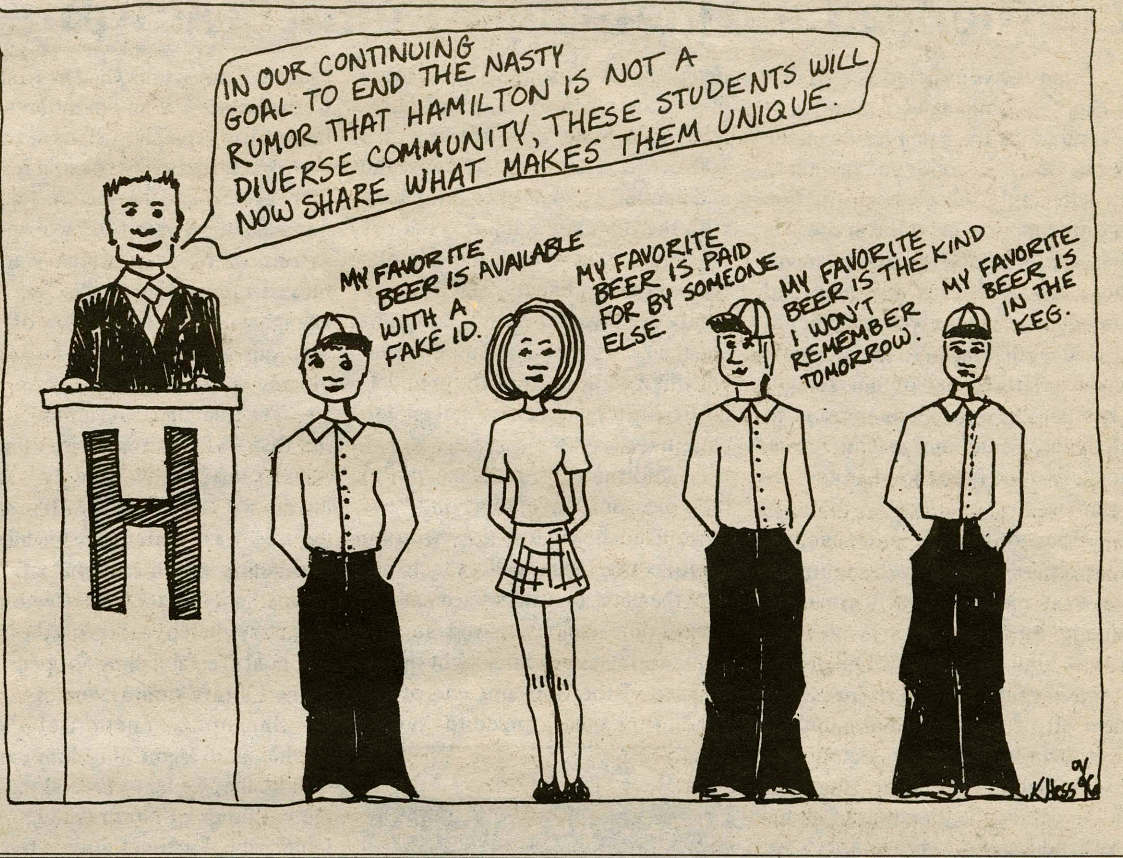

LETTERS TO·THE·EDITOR

Professors thank Hamilton community for participation in Qijia Fu memorial

First, thank you to all who attended and all who participated in the memorial service for Qijia Fu, Hamilton '96, during the first week of the semester. The event was as special and memorable as its subject. An additional thank you goes to the students who came from a distance and to them and others who paid tribute but were not heard from early enough in advance to have been listed on the program. The program and service were put together by a loose coalition of those who knew Qijia well and were done hurriedly to make it possible for Qijia's brother, Shelton, Hamilton '91, and others to attend.

The whole memorial community also expresses its deep appreciation to new Protestant Chaplain Jeff McArn for his empathetic, efficient and gracious assistance. He spent much of his "first week of school" here with grief-stricken strangers who were also harried students and professors at the start of a new academic year. He had primary responsibility for designing the program and organizing the service around the wishes of dozens of people whom he was meeting for he first time. He also took care of having the program printed and then unobtrusively helped us all through th eafternoon.

The Fu family will have a lasting remembrance of Qijia and his life on the Hill in the videotape made of Hamilton's farewell to its young but already distinguished graduate. Those who wish to do so may further remember Qijia by contributing ot hte Qijia Fu Memeorial Scholarship Fund (contact the President's Office for details) and by writing to the family at 651 W. Homestead Road, #4, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Cheng Li, Government
Carol Rupprecht, Comparative Literature

Senior president welcomes back classmates

I know you might be confused as to who your class officers are or even if we have class officers, but the delegates and I have been very busy trying to put everything together so we can have a good year. This is my first and probably last correspondence through the Spectator. The delegates and I are currently putting together a monthly newsletter to inform the Seniors what is going on with the class and keep you up to date.

So what is going on? Well... we are in the process of getting our first pub night down at the VT. Hopefully this Wednesday. We are also trying to raise as much money as we can for Senior Week. We as a class had no money going into this year, which makes Senior Week look very bleak. But with some money given to us by the Student Assembly (via the Student Activities fee) and your support for fund raisers we should do well. This means that the more you support any Senior activity the better Senior Week will be.

On the Graduation front, Courtney Stuedemann is in charge of our Graduation Committee. She is currently working to find a way to make it possible for an outdoor graduation. Courtney will also be working with the trustees and I to figure out who we will be giving honorary degrees to, and who will speak at our baccalaureate and graduation. We could use all the suggestions we can get. So if you have any suggestions please send them via campus mail to me. This is very important. I don't think you really want to spend three and a half hours listening to someone that sucks. So send us your suggestions!

That's about it, so look forward to getting your Senior Monthly and getting involved. You've only got one year left, you might as well enjoy it.

Chris Toomey, President, Class of '97

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Class Delegate '00

Phoebe Dick

"One hundred words or less," they said, "on why you want to run for Class Delegate." The truth is, I'm not much of a politician, but I do have a lot of energy and a lot of ideas. I won't waste your time and bore you with seventy-five words about how great I am because, well, who cares? In short, my view on things is that we have an amazing class and only four short years, so let's make the most of it.

Samuel Evans

I will represent our class to the best of my abilities. I am an extremely capable leader, and I have experience in student governments. I'm the man for the job. With that, I no longer wish to insult your intelligence with generic platform crap. I simply stated the truth above - no promises, no gimmicks. Anyway, we all know that the student assembly doesn't have as much power as it thinks. Nonetheless, I'll loudly yet tactfully voice your desires. If you want some campus-wide event at 4:20, I'll do what I can. Vote for the candidate that stands out.

Christopher MacPherson

My Hundred Word Platform (Exactly)

In a land far away from a town called Peru, Came a delegate hopeful who needs votes from you. Perhaps memories of open mike you still carryI was the kid who performed Dave Barry. I am clever, intelligent and witty. Just the type of guy to serve on a committee. I have experience, such as VP of N.H.S. Writing all would make a mess. Our class is special, we will do just fine, Much better than '97, '98, and '99. I want involvement-our class has just begun I'm not Bill Doberman, but Chris MacPherson.

Weatherly Ramsdell

As a member of the Class of 2000 I share your desire to make an impact on the Hamilton community. With your support, I will work for the issues that are most important to us. I want to listen to your concerns and will ensure your voice is heard. A class representative needs to be strong enough to stand up for your rights, yet reasonable enough to compromise. I feel I can be this person. Please allow me the opportunity to be your class representative and I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

Sarah Roy

When I was looking at schools, Hamilton stood out in my mind as a school that was highly interested in its students and that is what appealed to me when I applied. As a student currently enrolled I want to perpetuate that image not only to perspectives but to continue to provide the same atmosphere for my fellow classmates. As a delegate I will work in the best interests of the class of 2000 to make these next four years at Hamilton a great experience socially and academically.

Lesley Vars

Delegate: A person acting for another. As class delegate I'll strive to achieve this standard by placing the interests of our class ahead of all else. It's my job to provide an effective interaction between our class and the college administration. In order to achieve this goal I'll listen and respect the opinions of all my classmates. As representative of the class of 2000 I consider it my duty to analyze the issues that face our class, and to listen to the views of others before presentation of any stand that I may take on behalf of our class.

Chris Wagner

When I matriculated at Hamilton College this fall, I knew I was entering into an academic institution in which each student has an opportunity to make a change. I decided to run for Class Delegate for exactly that reason. Student governments at Hamilton have always been an intregal part of the decision making process, and I believe that as a class delegate I can bring many positive qualities to this process. I am an open-minded, liberal thinker, who will not be afraid to convey the Class of 2000's ideas to the student government.

Ned Winner

I'm running because I like people and I want to help them have a better experience here at Hamilton. You'll be glad later if you vote for me now.

Honor Court '00

Adam Abbate

As your Honor Court Representative, I will make it my job to be our class's representative, not its executioner. I will at all times make it my job to be *fair*, not harsh. I promise to represent our class well, since I believe in the Honor Code, and will uphold it on a personal level. That very fact is why I am the member of the Class of 2000 who is best suited to be the class' Honor Court Representative.

Joe Freemen

As the Honor Court representative for the Class of 2000, I would work to uphold the academic integrity of the College community. I am a person who can judge honestly and unbiasedly, and I have a good amount of personal integrity. Also, though people who cheat and plagarize are a detriment to both themselves and the community as a whole, I can understand the temptation to do so. I can appreciate the offender's perspective, and this makes me all the more qualified, for I have a certain amount of empathy for those whom I will have to judge. The presence

Michael Nuclo

I feel that I can be a valuable asset to the Hamilton community by serving on the Honor Court. I believe strongly in honesty and integrity and value their place at Hamilton. However, I am flexible as well. If a situation arises in which an exception to a rule is merited, I am willing to allow for it. Common sense, as well as the strict enforcement of rules, is neccesary for fair and impartial decisions to be made. It is that balance and openmindedness toward each, unique situation that sets me apart from the other candidates.

Meghan Steed

The honor code is a substantial part of Hamilton's academic policy. In order to keep it influential in college life each class needs to elect an honest, responsible, hard-working representative. I have an interest in keeping the class of 2000 one of the top classes ever to graduate from Hamilton College. By being elected to honor court I can do so. To me, schoolwork and honesty go hand in hand and are top priority. So, when you vote, vote for honesty and responsibility.

Judicial Board '00

Kira Orange Jones

My name is Kira Orange Jones, and I am running for first year representative on the judicial board. I am a fair, just, and honest person. As a representative on the judicial board, I will make sure that each student has equal opportunities, and a chance to fully share their side of the story before I make any judgement.

Jamie McKee

If you were in trouble, who would you want to hear your case? Probably someone with a lot of real life experience. Someone who's been around the block once or twice; a person who can see both sides of the coin. With my diverse and multifaceted background I feel I would be the optimum candidate for Judicial Board. As a scholar, athlete, friend,lawnmower, truck-driver, mountain climber, free-falling person, I am my own individual. Vote for Jamie McKee Judicial Board Representative.

Darcie O'Donnell

Does everyone remember that presentation on the various judicial boards that happened during orientation week? You may recall an experience that was both boring and a little frightening. However, I was captivated by the descriptions of a school where groups of students help to make important decisions. It is because of this interest that I am seeking a position as judicial board representative for the class of 2000. I want to be involved in making decisions about how the school laws are applied and obeyed. I posses the necessary knowledge and compassion to be involved as a judicial board representative.

Shauna Wreschner

The class of 2000 needs a representative on the Judicial Board who is honest, fair, and firm. I feel each individual case should be examined from both sides before a decision is made. If the student is convicted, the sentence that is handed down should match the crime without undue harshness or leniency.

I will use this opportunity to give our class a strong voice and to demonstrate that the class of 2000 will join the rest of Hamilton College in taking on the responsibility for what happens on our campus. Elect Shauna Wreschner to the Judicial Board. Thank you.

Secretary/Treasurer '00

Sarah Hourigan

FYI I'm from CT, the small state famous for three thins: Yale University, Foxwoods Casino, and secretaries of the class of 2000. From what I hear about winters at Hamilton, I'll have plenty of time to do secretarial jobs, i.e. filing my nails, talking on the phone, looking busy... On a serious note, I enjoy leadership and will do my best to inform you and present any and all ideas or concerns you may have. Due to lack of space, I can only promise to be all I can be and help make 1996-1997 the best year ever.

Class Delegate '98

Mike Velazquez

As a multicultural student, a member of a varsity team, and a brother in a Greek society, I believe that I represent a large number of Hamilton students. I can represent these students better than any other candidate. I am not happy with the direction that this school is currently headed in, and I want to get directly involved so that I can make an impact. I also feel that because we are paying a fortune to go to Hamilton, we should receive more benefits like cable T.V. and better food service. If you feel the same way then vote for me.

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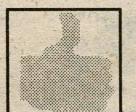
THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down is a new addition to the Op-Ed pages of *The Spectator*. It was chosen as a regular submission for its ability to reduce extremely complex issues into wonderfully simple arguments.

Long-winded professors



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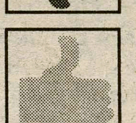

The Snip 'N Clip

by John "Hoover" Forbes and Mike "Otter" Murphy

Letters and Op-Ed

The great terrain robbery: subsidizing our arid West

PETER KELLY
Reasonable Resolutions

With an election coming, Republicans in Congress are trying to rescue their environmental reputation. One good way to do just that, save billions annually, *and* cut the budget deficit by a full 1% would be to curtail the subsidies that lead to the exploitation of the Western environment. Surprisingly, most Republicans remain opposed to phasing out these giveaways, specifically, of federal water, as well as grazing, mining, and timber-cutting rights.

Subsidized irrigation water is the biggest of these government giveaways. In California, the recipient of the largest federal water subsidy, agriculture accounts for about 80% of water use. Only 20% goes for everything else—from flushing toilets to turning the desert green for golf courses. Some California farmers receive federal water for only $2 per acre-foot (326,000 gallons), while L.A. pays $545 for the same amount. If these subsidies helped us to feed the world, they might be defensible. But much of the water is squandered on desert cultivation of water-intensive crops like cotton (which isn't even food) and rice. Believe it or not, one-third of the acreage receiving federal water is devoted to crops that other U.S. farmers are paid *not* to grow!

The federal water subsidies were originally designed to benefit small farmers, but loopholes in the regulations permit huge agribusinesses to feed at the federal trough. An attempt at reform in 1982 ended subsidies to farms larger than 960 acres, but larger operations simply broke up into conglomerations of units less than 960 acres each. One such conglomeration, the Westhaven Trust, receives $2 million annually in federal water subsidies.

The overuse of water has taken its toll on the environment. In dry years, no water flows down the Colorado River to Mexico. Water diversion has wiped out some wetlands, and the Sacramento River salmon fishery is nearly gone. Some areas have become unnaturally saline, and on some farms the buildup of salts from irrigation water has actually reduced yields.

Continuing the subsidies seems crazy, but eliminating them altogether would be politically difficult and would put some farmers out of business. Lawmakers and others have proposed a number of compromises. An obvious first step is to close the loopholes on the 960-acre limit. Another possibility is to phase out the practice of paying *both* water *and* crop subsidies for the same acreage. The federal government now spends $1.5 billion annually subsidizing water for subsidized crops. Still another proposal would allow farmers to sell federal water to cities or to each other; right now, farmers have to use the water themselves, and in some cases they lose title to it if they don't. All of these proposals are halfway measures, but they would discourage inefficient irrigation techniques and inappropriate crops, a win-win situation for cities, the federal government, and nature.

Water is not the only subsidized natural resource. The federal government also exploits the Western environment by charging ranchers ridiculously low fees to graze livestock on public land. Most federal land is not in protected parks; hundreds of thousands of square miles of federal land in the West are open to grazing. Ranchers pay only about $1.90 per AUM (animal-unit month, or the grass a steer eats in a month) to graze livestock on federal land. Private leases go for $5-$15 per AUM. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the main agency involved, spends about $4 per AUM on administration of public-lands grazing. Taxpayers lose about $50 million a year.

Of course, low fees encourage grazing on marginal, dry areas, which are susceptible to overgrazing and desertification. The BLM estimates that 50% of its rangeland is in only fair or poor condition as a result of overgrazing. Ranchers counter that fees comparable to those in private leases would put small ranchers out of business. Federal land, they point out, tends to be dryer than private land, and some private leasers provide services (e.g., herding and water) with their leases. Ranchers add that higher fees would put grazing pressure on other areas that supply U.S. beef, perhaps even accelerating tropical deforestation. But the small-farmer and deforestation arguments seem bogus; most federal grazing leases are held by large organizations, and at a given time only 5% of U.S. cattle are of federal land.

Many in Congress do agree that reform is needed. In 1993, an increase in fees from $1.86 to $4.28 per AUM nearly became law. In 1995, even our conservative Congress nearly raised fees 50%.

But outrageous as they are, the water and grazing subsidies are nothing compared to the financial and environmental disaster of federal mining subsidies. Here's just one of many stories of land speculators and foreign-owned corporations stealing public land: In 1994, a gold mine, estimated to contain $10 billion of ore, was given away to a Canadian mining company for $5,180. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who was legally bound to sign the deal, was quoted as saying, "It's the biggest heist since the days of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

What makes this possible, and legal, is a frontier-era law: The General Mining Law of 1872. It allows anyone to mine almost any public land containing hard-rock minerals (basically the ores of gold and other nonferrous metals) free, paying no royalties or share of the profits to the government. If you can prove valuable minerals exist, you can even permanently buy ("patent") the land for no more than $5 per acre (only $2.50 per acre in some cases).

In 1872, this law made some sense. Congress aimed to promote the settlement of the frontier by helping small miners; besides, the per-acre sale prices were no giveaway in those days. Today, the Mining Law, still in effect, is a scandalous subsidy to multinational mining corporations. Since the enactment of the Mining Law, more than 3 million acres of public lands—an area the size of Connecticut—have been turned over to mining interests.

Many of these areas are now moonscapes of pits with barren, acidic slopes and mountains of waste rock. Fifty-six mines on former federal land have become Superfund sites with a price tag of $50 billion for cleanup. Mining currently produces more solid waste than all industrial and municipal sources combined. Acid mine drainage has affected 10,000 miles of U.S. streams. Such frontier-mentality abuses continue. Unfortunately, hard-rock mining is exempt from many environmental regulations, and the BLM has little authority to enforce the ones there are.

In 1993 and 1994, there was a major effort in Congress to overturn the Mining Law. By a 3-1 margin, the House of Representatives passed a bill eliminating the worst abuses of the old law. Among other things, the bill would have ended patenting for $5 an acre and charged an 8% royalty on hard-rock minerals extracted from public lands (to be used for the cleanup of old mines). Mining reform was stalled in the Senate by "conservative" lawmakers from Western states. They argued that a weaker, Senate version of the bill was adequate, though it did little except to charge the miners for the modern surface value of the land. They said that mining companies create lots of high-paying jobs, pay lots of taxes already, must make large investments before mining, and must comply with environmental laws. They added that authority should be left in the hands of states, which can consider local conditions.

But none of these are good arguments against mining reform. Only 3 in 10,000 Western jobs are in mining; what's more, the proposed mine cleanups would create lots of new jobs. And in fact, paying royalties has not hurt other kinds of mining much. Coal, oil, and gas producers pay 12.5% royalties on public land, and all Western states charge mineral royalties of 2-10%. The market prices for which companies sell deposits to each other take into account investments in start-up, and yet these prices are much higher than the surface value of the land. Though 8 out of 10 Americans—even in the West—supported the 1993-94 Mining Law reform, the threat of a filibuster killed the reform.

C'mon, Republicans in Congress. Don't pretend that you're for free enterprise while you defend socialism for the rich. Take this chance to build up your environmental reputation by getting behind these reforms. In an election year, with virtually certain popular support for reduced subsidies, you can't really lose.

Could green be your favorite color?

MARK LILIANTHAL
GLASS HOUSES

I am drowning in premature winter, too many classes, and thoughts of a subject my brain has just begun to ponder. Call me irresponsible, but a year-long absence from Hamilton College made me forget that I have to write a thesis, keep on top of my reading, and -gasp!- think about next year. Certainly the latter topic will deserve (and unfortunately get) more attention come April. Before we get there, however, I believe we need to be cautious in what we ask for and examine who we want to be, as individuals and as a group.

Recently, I have been in numerous discussions with classmates. Generally, Hamilton students seem to feel confident in regards to their future. Good. Nothing is more saddening than college students who, before their lives have begun, feel defeated. Frankly, one of the finest assets of this school is its ability to make students comfortable with themselves, and, as a result, with the world around them. In many Hamiltonians' minds, the gaping avenues leading us towards the "rest of our lives" are full of "Help Wanted" signs, paved with dollar bills, and jammed with significant others waiting to give us the love and adoration that we are waiting to share.

Fantastic. But as we answer those desperate pleas for our crucial assistance in the professional world, let us be sure we understand one thing straight: To a degree, we have the ability to determine when our innocence and youth die. Once we begin calling them stages of our past, we can never -never- go back. I do not want to be fifty and say to myself, "Drat. I cheated my youth, and now it's making me pay with regret." Simply put, that is one debt I will not have hanging over me...I could never repay it.

What I am getting at is our desire as young, advantaged Americans to "get rich and retire at thirty." Do you know anybody who has followed that path and taken the "correct" turns at the forks in the road? I sure don't. Despite being nurtured to worship and succumb to such a tantalizing bait, let's not try to bite the whole thing, because there is a barbed hook that will snag our lip.

Recently, I spoke with a Dartmouth graduate who was describing what her classmates were doing. The salaries were exorbitant, putting the nation's finest stereo in my mental apartment. It sounded so good...anything is worth $40,000 at age 22. When I had calmed down, she described the job to me. In the past four weeks, someone working in investment banking in the Big Apple had not had a beer in three weeks, worked sometimes until three in the morning so he could arrive at the office by seven, and hadn't seen one of his best childhood friends, also in New York, since she arrived a month ago. 22 years old. 22. With those kinds of hours, who has time to spend money? Who has time to smile, laugh, question one's internal values, solidify oneself? The effort is gargantuan, too large for anybody our age to tackle with any sort of fluidity or grace.

My parents are fond of reminding me that the word "stress" did not exist in their youth. Their generation created the word, along with the ulcers, panic, and neglect that have resulted. Our generation, on the other hand, has the chance to start the reversal of 90-hour work-weeks, minimal family contact, and the world's most abominable form of slavery, which has money at the helm.

In essence, I do not want extemporaneous fun, preposterous laughter, and immature escapades to stop on Graduation Day as I chase after cash instead of my dreams. Remember, we're only kids. Is it so evil to want to stay that way for a few more years? Let us all be careful; high finance won't ever buy us memories, but it can pile up a lot of sadness.

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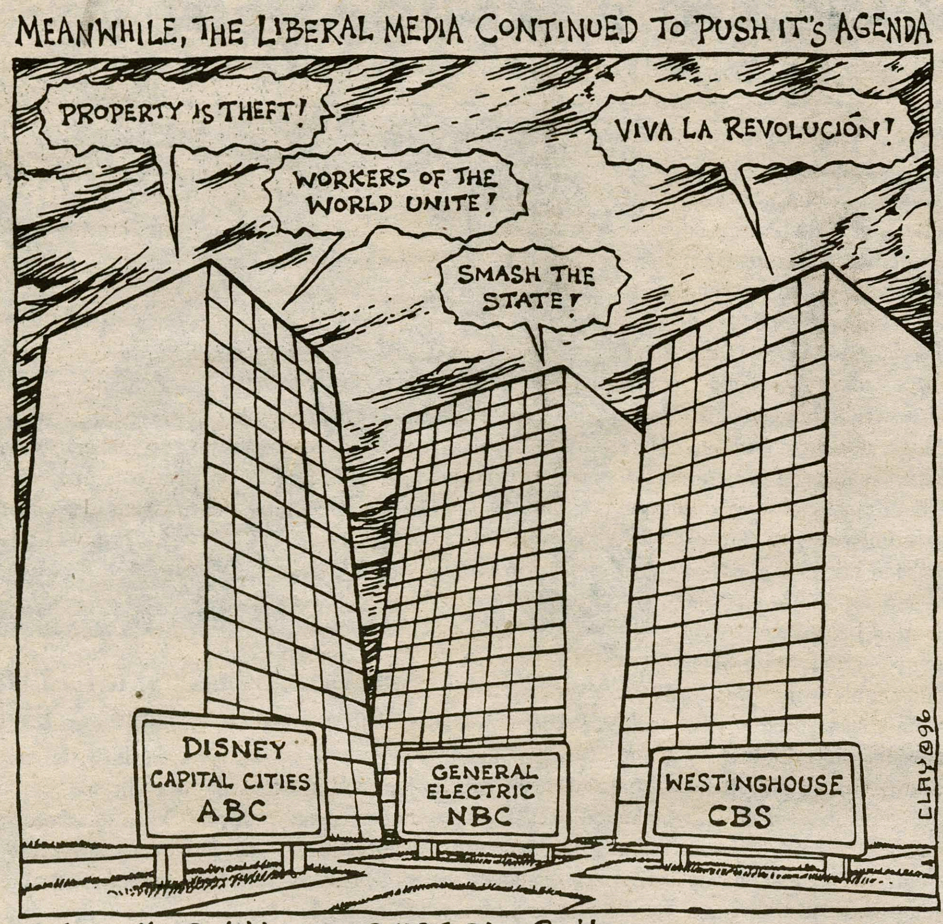

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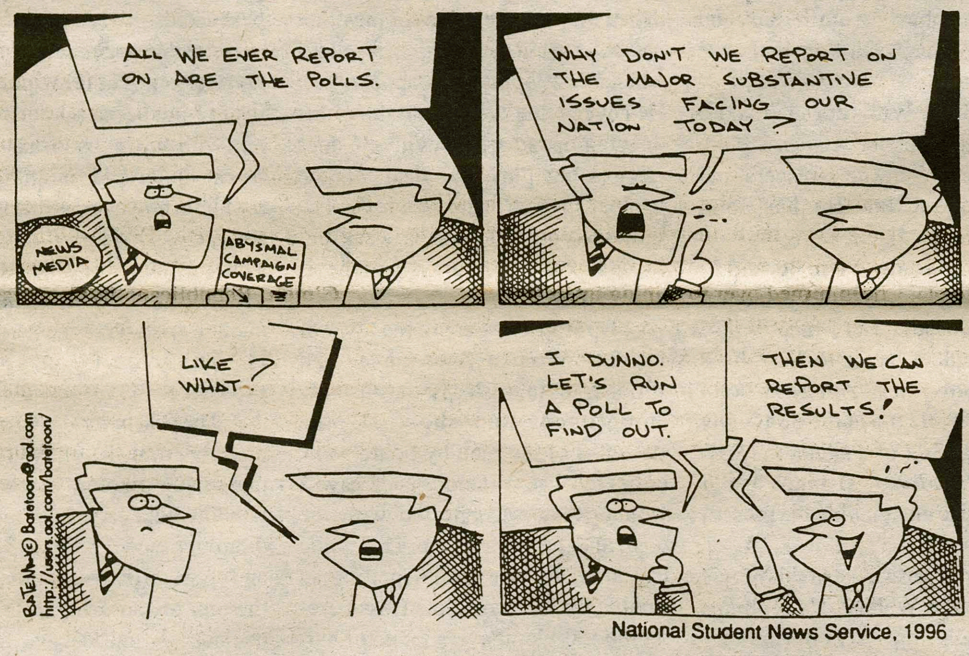

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SPECTATOR CLASSIFIED

The Spec Classified is a new section that includes Quotable Quotes, Personals, and Classified ads. Send your information to The Spec Classified via campus mail or email to "spectator@hamilton.edu".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"It's amazing how much you can amuse yourself using just your hand."
-Tim Donahue '99 in reference to the amusement he finds in making hand puppets.

"Ahhh, a bear in his natural habitat. A Studebaker." -Fozzie

"Your father is a migrant worker!" - Richard Bliss '99

"I'd lick it and live."
-James O'Shaughnessy '00 in Geo. 104 lab

"Hey mister! Will you buy me a 40?"
-Overheard from Tim Ryan '97 outside Nice 'n Easy after being denied purchase of alcohol.

"Wenn Scheiss wert wird werden, dic Armen ohne Aschlo geboren werden."
Translation: If sh** were ever worth something, then the poor would have been born without a**holes.
-Mauro Castro '99 in German class. Topic of discussion was German grafitti.

"I think I should advertise that I'll marry anyone who will support me."
-Alice Wydro '97 walking across the bridge.

PERSONALS

Hey Sparky-
The other day was great, but what did you do with my Fruitloops? Were you climbing that tree again? I told you ants can't fly. - Fuzzy

Dear Hungry Man,
I appreciate your sensitivity, but I don't need your pity. You did a nice job trying to cover it up, but I can see right through you. Next time you'll be my target.
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For The Week Of Sept. 27-Oct. 4

Forseen By Dr. Wonka
A&E Astrologer

LIBRA
(September 23-October 22)
Try something different, be creative. Go out and buy yourself a new fragrance that reveals your wild side. It will drive your mate crazy. And if you don't have a mate, here's your chance to find one.

SCORPIO
(October 23-November 22)
There's no need to worry about things that are out of your control. Instead try a soothing stress management technique: bundle yourself up and check the stars out in an open field. They are inspirational.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23-December 22)
You're living in the stone ages. Go pick up the latest issue of your favorite magazine and go to town. You'll feel in touch with the world once again. Try not to get caught up in the advertisements, they'll corrupt your mind.

CAPRICORN
(December 23-January 22)
You need to create a balance between work and play. This weekend would be a great time to start. You'll feel so much better about yourself once you realize you can have both.

AQUARIUS
(January 23-February 18)
You are not alone. Someone wants to get to know you a little bit more on the personal level. Stay open-minded and you might just find a really cool friendly friend.

PISCES
(February 19-March 20)
You've had a rough week, but by mid-October all your troubles will be gone. You'll be surrounded by happiness you never thought possible. All good things will come to those who wait.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
People have come in and out of your life and you cherish the time you had with them. Everyone taught you something different. Light a candle in their memory.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
A family member is in need of your guidance. Try not to be too pushy, everyone needs space to breathe. Just having you there means more to them then you'll ever know.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Neil Diamond is there for you. All you need to do is turn the record player on. Helping others in need is one of your most valuable assets. Keep up the good work.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
You have a tendency to hold yourself back at certain times. It would be wise of you to stand up for what you believe in. The sky is your limit.

LEO
(July 23-August 22)
Sunday is a lazy day for you. Curl up on your bed and reflect back on your childhood. Look at all you've accomplished. Express these great feelings with others.

VIRGO
(August 23-September 22)
Why not take a moment and write a forgotten friend or a loved one? It will surprise the both of you. Reminisce about the good old days, you'll be amazed by how much your soul is renewed.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Last Man Standing

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COURTESY HOYTS' 8 SANGERTOWN MALL

By Kathy Hess '99
Editorial Cartoonist

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Alexandra Powers and Bruce Willis star in *Last Man Standing*, 'a poor imitation of a Clint Eastwood western.'

A man who refers to himself as Joe Smith is stranded in Jericho, southern Texas with no one to keep him company except the rival gangs, whores, sheriff, bar owner, and car repair man. Joe, being the manliest thing that testosterone has ever produced, is in great demand by the gangs until they realize he is a free agent with four desires: to make money, send women away on buses, shoot bullets, and drink. *Last Man Standing* is a poor imitation of a Clint Eastwood western, because it is missing the magic of earlier westerns, a good cast, and simple story.

The leading roles, which carried the westerns of the past, don't carry this one. Joe Smith is played by Bruce Willis. This is a man who when he wants to keep a strait head drinks beer rather than whiskey. Joe is a manly man who will only have sex with the women he doesn't care about and is able to shoot a gun while naked. He also shoots (whiskey and bullets) while clothed, healthy, beaten up, in ambushes, setting up ambushes, driving to ambushes, during sex, and while half asleep. Oh wait, that's the audience.

But Bruce Willis doesn't make a convincing loner or even just a really cool outlaw. Sure he whispers and squints like Clint. He has John Wayne's manly flaws, being too hard of a man for a lady to handle, and he puts down his guard down just once, getting into a jam. But Bruce Willis? He can't hold a candle to them, he is just too goofy, an all American dolt,, to handle it. He plays the dumb guy trying to get out of a situation (*Pulp Fiction*, *12 Monkeys*) much better than the wise guy making the most of a situation.

The inviting aspect of this movie is Christopher Walken. He is almost always cool; *Pulp Fiction* (military man who kept a watch in most secretive place for Bruce Willis' character), *True Romance*, *King of New York*. But in this movie Walken plays Hickey, the front shooter of one of the mobs, and is really not impressive. The head of the mob, Hickey works for is a man who is modeled after Ross Perot except more insane and less humerous. Hickey is supposed to be the smart one, the evil one, the true threat for Joe Smith.

All of those things are established through the words of the other characters and the music that plays when Hickey puts in an appearance. He never actually does anything that threatening, smart, or evil. He does carry a big gun. Big deal, all the pumped up men in this movie do. The show-down at the end is weak because Hickey is wasted and he is never a threat.

Three women are in the town of Jericho. Women have never had strong roles in westerns, they usually compliment and show off the strengths of the men by being weak or bitchy. The two mobs each have a woman that is connected with the boss, and there is a whore. The movie is started by Joe Smith getting in trouble for looking at the Ross Perot mob boss' woman. He feels for her, and that he needs to set her free from her horrible life.

Joe Smith's flaw of feeling for women is in the movie when he doesn't kill the whore he is having sex with for setting him up. Instead he pays her bail and a bus ticket. Joe also pays the Italian mob boss' lady to leave, which is supposed to be sensitive after she is brutally beaten for having sex with him. It is sad that the worst roles in the movie, the ones given the women, were some of the best acted.

Last Man Standing is a formulaic western. There are problems that result from being set during Prohibition with two mobs so that there could be cars and rapid fire guns. The real problem, however, is that it's characters are weak. *High Plains Drifter* is a movie that this film is trying to resemble, but Bruce Willis isn't man enough to carry a western like this. He can't make the one liners have substance.

The best parts are the one's taken directly from the old westerns. The undertaker tipping his hat out the window with each new body and the dumb bartender's lines. The racism and classism that run rampant through the plot are so tiring, that when Joe decides it is time to leave the town the viewer wishes they could give him some money for a bus.

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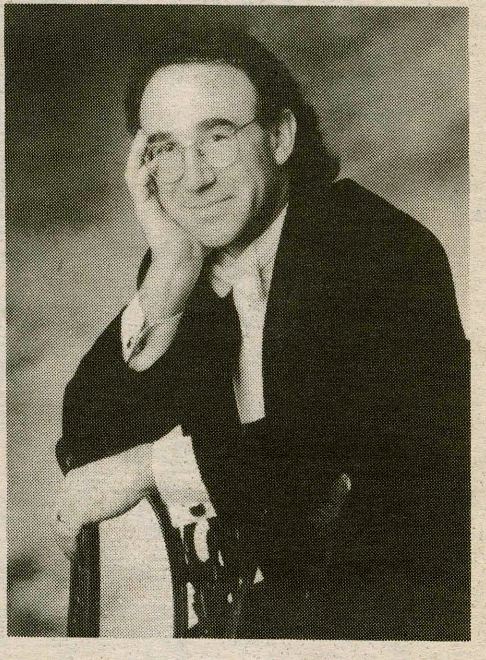
Rochester Philharmonic inspires Wellin

By Jenny Jefferson '00
A&E Writer

Last Friday night the Hamilton Community was given the opportunity to listen to an inspiring concert given by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in Wellin Hall. The group performed John Harbison's *Remembering Gatsby*, Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante, K. 364*, and Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, Op. 47*.

RPO conductor Robert Bernhardt introduced the pieces and gave a brief history of each one, which offered listeners insight into the ideas and feelings that went into the development of each composition. The audience was also graced, during the *Sinfonia Concertante* by the solo performances of Ani Kavafian on violin and Ida Kavafian on viola. The sisters exhibited, along with tremendous technical skill, true feelings for the music.

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra was the second group to be brought to campus this season by the Music At Hamilton Artists Series (the Count Basie Orchestra was the first). Students were few in the audience, and perhaps are not taking advantage of the chances Hamilton is offering to listen to renowned artists. At only $5 a concert, or $2 a concert for season tickets, students are being presented with a worthwhile deal.



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RPO Conductor Robert Bernhardt.

Upcoming events include performances by the Orion String Quartet on October 12, pianist Mykola Suk on November 22, and the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra on February 9. Hopefully Wellin Hall will be packed at these upcoming concerts. If the quality of music at the Count Basie and the RPO concerts is a preview of what is to come for this season, then some great entertainment is in store for all of us.

Overtones of Maine head to the Hill

BY MARK WILSON '99
A&E EDITOR

If you haven't heard of the Rustic Overtones yet, don't worry. Because you soon will, thanks to CAB. This local Portland, Maine band is stepping out of the shadows of obscurity. Their big, funky, modern rock sound sold 1,650 seats at the State Theater in Portland last November—outselling such names as Stephen Stills and Bob Dylan. Now the pride of Portland is visiting Hamilton in support of their newest album *Long Division*.

The Rustic Overtones formed in the early 1990's when boyhood friends Dave Gutter (lead singer and guitarist) and Jon Roods (bassist) started a high school band. Soon drums and horns were added and the seven-piece band were on their way. They began playing local clubs in Portland like Granny Killams and, within a few years, spawned a devoted following of fans.

"The best description of our sound is rock," Gutter said. "Because rock allows you to do anything you want. There are no rules." Drummer McNaboe added, "A lot of people can put out anything with three chords and nothing else and it can be a hit. We're definitely trying to do something that involves a lot of body and integrity."

Catch the Overtones in the Events Barn this Saturday night at 9 p.m.

Rustic Overtones, of Portland, Maine, bring their 'funky, modern rock sound' to the Events Barn this Saturday.

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The Nields hit the Barn Thursday, too late for this edition.

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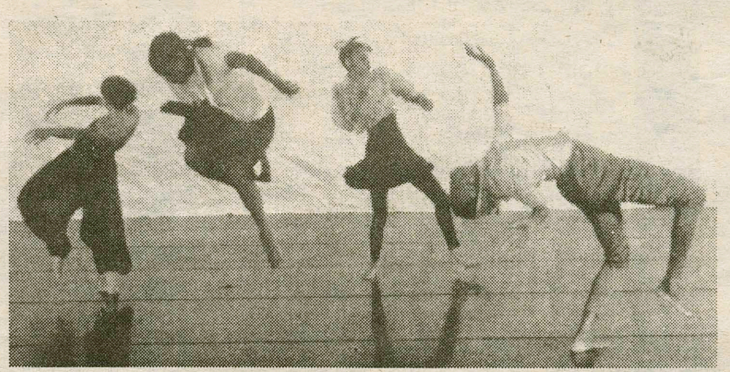


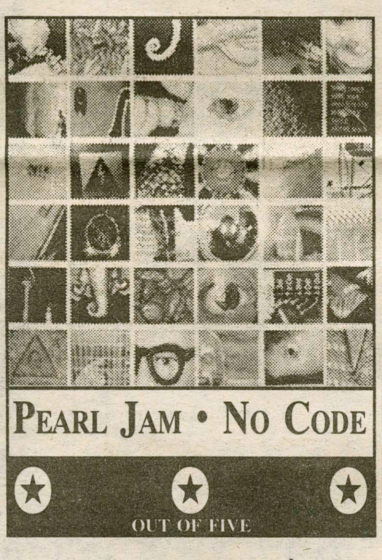
Saturday, September 28 ~ Wellin Hall ~ 8 p.m.

Cracking the *Code*: Pearl Jam searches for the balance

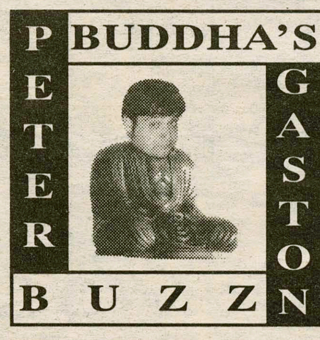
When we first met a young group of guys—Eddie, Jeff, Mike, Stone, and Dave—back in 1991, they were long-haired rockers from that fantastic new Seattle scene. They appeared unassumingly on MTV's Headbanger's Ball, and the video for their anthem, "Alive," played in the rotation between Metallica and Guns N' Roses.

That was Pearl Jam, misunderstood youth. This is Pearl Jam, mature supergroup.

Pearl Jam released its fourth album, *No Code* (Epic), one month ago today, and as a proud owner of *Ten*, Vs., and *Vitalogy*, I decided this week that the time had come to trek to Sangertown and buy my copy.



At first, I was overwhelmed by the physical nature of the album itself. *No Code* is packaged like no other compact disc I have ever purchased. Instead of the standard jewel box container, the CD is protected by a four-paneled cardboard contraption.



On the outer side of the panels are 144 Polaroid photos taken by frontman Eddie Vedder, with the assistance of bassist Jeff Ament, guitarist Mike McCready, and a host of others. The album title is displayed with a symbol of the Eye of Ra (a triangle with an eye in its center) in one inconspicuous Polaroid on the front panel. When unfolded, the pattern of all 144 Polaroids creates a huge image of the Eye of Ra.

Two of the inside panels are taken up by a band photo, and another panel serves as a jacket for the CD. The fourth panel is another jacket which contains a small envelope covered with band photos and filled with nine full-sized Polaroid-style cards, each with a different image. The backs of the "photos" are plain black, like Polaroids, and contain a song title and (if included) lyrics to that song.

There are 36 Polaroid cards in all, and in researching for this review on the Internet, I discovered Pearl Jam fans already beginning to trade to complete the entire set.

Why this jumbled assortment of packaging that seems to be about as big a gimmick as Pump sneakers? It seems to me that Pearl Jam's message is clear: an assortment of random images combine into a complete, unified whole.

This is the philosophy that binds *No Code* into a solid unit. The songs reflect a meshing of many styles that Pearl Jam has entertained in its career. Each of the band's previous three albums had moments that defied the album's focus as a whole; silent, sleepy "Oceans" on the amps-on-11 *Ten*, the acoustic and understated "Elderly Woman..." on the tight, driven *Vs.*, and the intellectual but inaccessible "Bugs" from the universal concept of *Vitalogy*.

Diversity is the essence of *No Code*. Pearl Jam's time on tour and recording with Neil Young comes through on "Smile," with its harmonica and ratty-flannel guitars, and "Off He Goes," which could have been a bonus track on Harvest.

Yet after these tracks, we get "Habit," a punky rager, and "Lukin," a 50-second power chord and scream fest. We also hear "Hail, Hail," a song that could have easily fit into the pumping mix of *Vs.*, and "Mankind," sung by guitarist Stone Gossard, which would fit nicely on a Sugar album.

Vedder treats us to the spoken word verses of "I'm Open," where he speaks about the loss of youth: "He wishes he knew now what he knew then." He also gives us a look back at his work with the fabulous vocalist Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan on the gorgeous soundtrack for the film Dead Man Walking with the album's first single, "Who You Are."

Pearl Jam seems to be able to handle all of the styles effectively, especially the Young-esque tracks, but the only thing missing from *No Code* is Pearl Jam. Being able to play and write a variety of styles is an accomplishment (and this aspect is aided by Brendan O'Brien's superb production), but the tracks lack the unity and direction of the band's three previous efforts.

This album has some gems, "Smile," "Who You Are," and "Red Mosquito" in particular, but in their quest to build the Eye of Ra on CD, Pearl Jam has built the pyramid but has yet to form the eye.

The talent shines through, and I expect the band's next effort to be their best.

MUSIC NEWS

NEW THIS WEEK

Bad Brains, *Black Dots* (Caroline); Natalie Cole, *Thankful* (One Way); Counting Crows, *Recovering the Satellites* (DGC); Crash Test Dummies, *A Worm's Life* (Arista); Girls Against Boys, *Disco 666* (Touch and Go); Curtis Mayfield, *New World Order* (Warner Bros.); Tool, *Aenima* (Zoo); Warrant, *Belly to Belly Vol. I* (CMC International).

ATTENTION!

The Student Media Board is now looking for energetic and dedicated students to fill two positions for this coming year. The positions are:

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2) Editor of *Voices* a literary magazine

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LECTURES

Friday: "Managing the Information Universe: The Roles of Library and Information Scientists." Ingrid Hsieh-Yee, School of Library and Information, Science Catholic University of America, will speak in Science 313 at 4:10 pm. Sponsored by the Psychology Department.

Tuesday: As part of the Wellness Seminar Series "Beyond Self Defense: Health and Community on Campus" will be presented by Richard Keeling, M.D., University of Wisconsin at Madison, in Wellin Hall at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Division of Student Life.

Wednesday: Haya Shalom, Israelie grassroots activist, will speak on "Peace Since the Israeli Election? Human Rights/Women's Rights/Lesbian Rights." at 4:15 pm in Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center. Sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies

Thursday: "Healthy Relationships." will be spoken on by Mark Thompson, Ph.D., Hamilton College Counseling Center, as part of the Wellness Seminar Series. This will be at 7:30 pm in the KJ Red-Pit.

FILM

Mighty Aphrodite: A contemporary romantic comedy that takes place in New York City. The film revolves around the

Woody and Mira

problems that occur within a specific marriage, while it takes a broader, fanciful look at the subject of love between men and women. The title is derived from the Greek goddess of love, and the story itself is rooted in mythology, with Woody Allen's wry re-invention of the traditional Greek chorus providing commentary on the foibles of the contemporary lovers whose attachments—and dreams—are the focus of the story. Starring Woody Allen, F. Murray Abraham, and Mira Sorvino, who picked up an Oscar for her supporting role.

ARTS

Exhibition: "Aerial Perspectives and Paintings by Burt Hasen." will run in the Emerson Gallery until October 27.

Exhibition: "War and Peace: Russia in the Age of the Napoleonic Invasions" runs September 14 through October 27 in the Emerson Gallery.

Saturday: Garth Fagan, Artistic Director, will be giving a performance in Wellin Hall at 8 pm. Sponsored by the Department of Theater and Dance, Arts in Education, and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute.

CHECK IT OUT

Saturday: The Tug-Of-War tournament, sponsored by the class of 1999, will take place in TDX Field at 2 pm.

Saturday: Rustic Overtones, sponsored by CAB, will perform in the Filius Events Barn, Beinecke Village at 9 pm.

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Last Man Standing	*6:40, 9:20*	*Independence Day*	
Maximum Risk	*9:25*	*Friday, Sun-Thurs:*	*6:35, 9:35*
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41 Farming degs.
45 *Designing Women* actress
49 Adds to the payroll
50 Engrave
51 Mil. offender
52 Take to court
53 Czech river
54 Word form for "wing"
55 Letter from Israel
56 Get back for
59 Platform
60 As light __
61 Mawkish speech
63 Brosnan role
65 Wagner heroine
66 "*Für* __"
68 Jolson and Jarreau
69 Hindu ascetic
71 *Father Knows Best* daughter
74 Starts eating
77 Gathering crops
81 Wall hanging
82 Whimper
83 Main arteries
85 Lincoln, but not Douglas
86 Show feeling
87 Bakery specialist
88 Dancer's asset
89 Away from home
90 Bushel-peck connector
91 Roof material
92 Van Dine sleuth
95 __-do-well
96 Recipe phrase
98 Acted snaky?
99 Take the podium
101 10-gallon hat
105 Surf __ (menu entry)
108 Zodiac sign
114 Has compassion
115 Unifier of Russia
117 "*Dies* __"
118 Stares open-mouthed
119 Ridiculous
120 Sausage unit
121 Ticked off
122 Tilted
123 Titled Brits
124 Openwork fabric
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126 Has a lease on

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1 Atmospheric pollution
2 Singing sounds
3 One of a group
4 Baby buggy
5 "The Voice"
6 Edge around
7 __ *With a View*
8 In-between state
9 Against
10 Reclined
11 What Zener cards test for
12 Clark Gable film
13 Burns and Connery
14 Menu choice
15 Singer Coolidge
16 "So be it!"
17 Sparks and Beatty
20 Reporter's asset
28 Snatch
29 Shreveport sch.
31 Hts.
33 Nature-walk pickings
34 John or Julie
35 Banister post
36 Replay speed, slangily
37 Part of NATO
39 Zimbabwe, originally
40 Oceanographic adjective
42 One way to take second
43 Pungent
44 Coastline
46 Advantage takers
47 Try for office
48 Barrels
54 Turkish VIPs
56 Most talented
57 "Humor in a jugular __" (*Mad* motto)
58 Knickknack displayers
62 Source of vitamin A
64 Overhead trains
65 It may pop into your head
67 Instruct
70 Russian cooperative
71 Designer Donna
72 Cars of *Fame*
73 Commerce
75 "__ Song Go . . ."
76 Chris of *Law & Order*
78 Buddhas, e.g.
79 John __ Garner
80 Von Stroheim film
82 TV demo
84 One of 18 Louises
89 Driving need
91 Texaco logo
92 Lab containers
93 "Whoops!"
94 Dressing ingredient
97 Houston sch.
100 Tricks
102 Large kangaroos
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105 Sour substance
106 Zola novel
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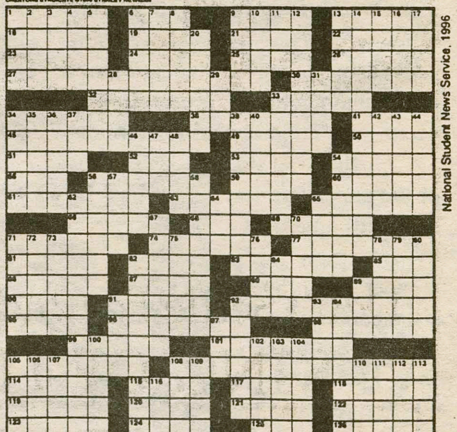

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Rugby stomps Hobart

By David Andreatta '97
Contributing Writer

Hamilton Men's Rugby Celebrates opened its silver anniversary season with a 49-0 romp over a young Hobart squad. In its home debut the

R U G B Y	
HAMILTON	49
HOBART	0

team managed to record an unbelievable nine tries and two conversions to triple last season's entire total of three tries.

In an attempt to account for the tema's new found success, team co-captain "Big" Jeff Michael '97 replied that "the big difference this season is depth. Last year we only has 19 players, this fall we have 41, and we all come to play." Out of those 41 men, most of them have Rugby experience, but that is not to count those who do not out of the line-up. Rookies likeJohn Balio '00, Derek Hazard '99, Nathaniel Hurd '99 and Etahn Horovitz '00 have indicated that they have the potential to be impact players and should be expecting to see some time in the team's four league games this season.

The club's future success, however, will lie on the shoulder's of its veterans. With the loss of top-scorer Matt Hayden '96 from the roster, the squad will be looking to players like David Bolger '98 and Ken Picariello '97 to lead the offense through the 1996 fall season. In Saturday's contest, Bolger boasted a three-try game while Picariello scored two tries and kicked the ball through the uprights for a two-point conversion.

Captains Will Warren '97 and Michael could not have been happier with the team's performance. "We worked well as a team and showed great potential," said Michael. Last season Hamilton finished its two game series with Hobart 1-1 and its win was only by one try. Hamilton's domination this weekend did not come as a surprise to Veteran Gary Bisbee '97 however. "We have continued to improve every practice, and all aspects of our game this Saturday were solid," Bisbee said.

Warren started off the scoring for Hamilton with a try in the first half, and David Bolger '99 added two tries to complete the scoring for the first 35 minutes. No conversions were made on any of the tries.

In the second half, Hobart could not get things on track as Hamilton's pack continued to manhandle its Hobart counterparts. Seniors Josh Roy, Andy Cooley and Michael were phenominal in stifling the Hobart offense time and time again. Hamilton's scoring touch was enhanced by the pack's superior effort. Guided by Bolger and Picariello, Hamilton constantly found itself in the end zone during the second half. Additional tries were scored by Alexis Mitchell '97, Kelby Maher '97, and Bisbee. Michael kicked a two-point conversion on Bisbee's try to add to Picariello's conversion on Maher's try earlier in the half.

Hamilton Rugby has high hopes for the fall season, and rightfully so. The team, however, has to keep its morale high and play strong in order to be contenders for the championship. The Exselsior Conference only admits the top two teams into the playoffs. To find themselves in the finals, Men's Rugby has to improve on last year's 1-4 record. With a strong cast of returning veterans and impressive rookies, and improvement should not be difficult.

Getting a stick on it...

PHOTO BY SHANNON OSBORN '99

The Lady Continentals have finally ended their three game losing streak, and the what has seemed like the longest opening to a season. The Conts trounced Vasser College 5-1 in a Sunday game away.

Although the team struggled against William Smith, Rochester and Union in the early going, the win against Vasser may be signaling a turn around. The field hockey team takes to the road for their next two games against Skidmore on Friday the and Rensselar on Saturday.

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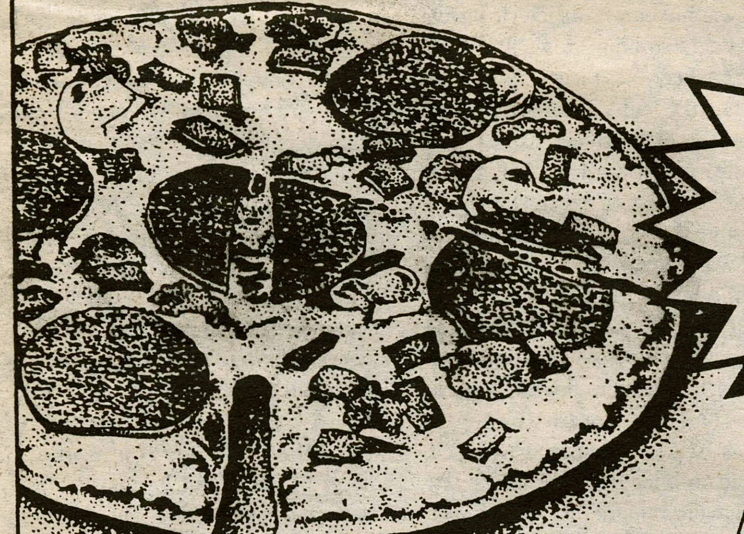

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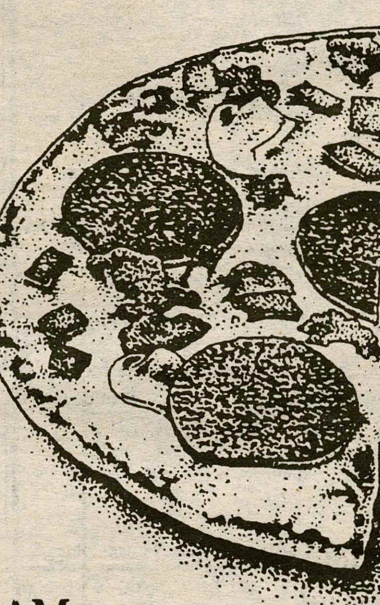

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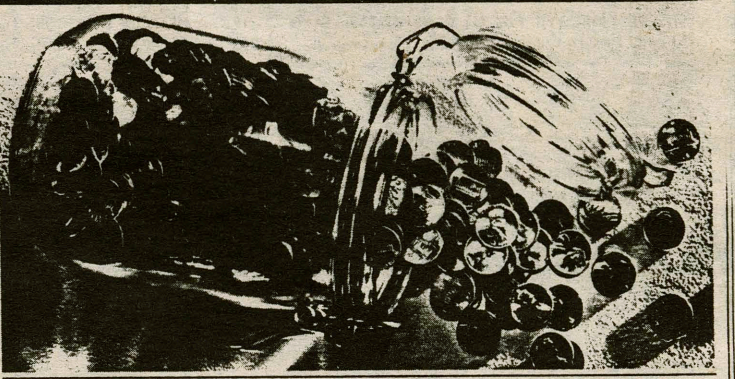

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Sports

This Week In Hamilton Sports

Go Conts!	Field Hockey	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Women's Tennis	Volleyball	Cross Country	Golf
Friday Sept 27	Skidmore 4:30 pm						
Saturday Sept 28	Rensselaer 2 pm	Skidmore 1 pm	William Smith 2 pm	Rolex Tournament @ William Smith TBA	Tri-Tourn. @ Clarkson 1 pm	Rensselaer 1 pm	NESCAC's @ Middlebury TBA
Sunday Sept 29							
Monday Sept 30							
Tuesday Oct 1		Utica 4 pm		Oneonta 4 pm	Cortland 7 pm		
Wednesday Oct 2	Oswego 4:30 pm		Hartwick 4 pm				
Thursday Oct 3							ECAC Qualifier @ Saratoga 10 am
Friday Oct 4							UCAA Champ. @ Saratoga 8 am

Indicates Home Game (shaded) — Indicates Away Game (unshaded)

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Oren Rawls, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor* (Last Week: 4-8; To date: 22-13)	Mark Granovsky *Associate Sports Editor* (Last Week: 5-7; To date: 23-12)	Buzz Carobus Sophomore *Special Guest* (Last Week: 6-6; To date: 22-13)	Brendan Ouimette Junior *Guest #7* (Last Week's Guest: Jeff Michael '97 4-8)	Josh Guariglia Junior *Guest #8* (Last Week's Guest: Rob Geiser '97 5-7)
NFL					
Minnesota at NY Giants 9/29	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
NY Jets at Washington 9/29	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Carolina at Jacksonville	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
Denver at Cincinatti 9/29	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Detroit at Tampa Bay 9/29	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Houston at Pittsburgh 9/29	Pittsburgh	Houston	Houston	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
New Orleans at Baltimore 9/29	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Oakland at Chicago 9/29	Chicago	Oakland	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Atlanta at San Francisco 9/29	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Green Bay at Seattle 9/29	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Kansas City at San Diego 9/29	Kansas City	Kansas City	San Diego	San Diego	Kansas City
Dallas at Philadelphia 9/30	Dallas	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Dallas	Philadelphia

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A true pioneer

Tim Booth
The Absurd Truth

While I was awaiting the Olympic Games this summer, I was constantly contemplating which athletes would capture America's attention. Would Carl Lewis jump his way to unprecedented Olympic glory? Would Bruce Baumgartner, at age 34, conquer the mats for a fourth Olympic wrestling medal and third gold? Would Shaq-Fu injure any Eastern Europeans? And would Jackie Joyner-Kersee take her place among the greatest female athletes of all time?

Joyner-Kersee has delighted the world for over a decade with her athletic prowess. At age 14, she won the national heptathalon title. In 1984 she broke onto the Olympic scene at the Los Angeles games by winning the silver medal in the heptathalon. After dominating the world for four years, Joyner-Kersee broke the world heptathalon record on route to her first gold medal while gathering a gold in the long jump, as well. In Barcelona we saw her leave Spain with another heptathalon gold and a bronze in the long jump. Coming into Atlanta, she was favored to win the heptathalon competition and make some noise in the long jump. The world was anticipating what was most likely her final Olympic appearance. Then one fateful day it all stopped. For a moment, sports fans around the world moved closer to the TV in silence. Joyner-Kersee was striving through the 100 meter hurdles segment of the pentathalon when suddenly a fierce grimace of pain plagued her entire face. This agonizing moment was incredibly difficult to watch. With tears running down her face, she finished the race. Later that evening, difficulty subsided to tribulation. Jackie Joyner-Kersee had withdrawn from the pentathalon competition because of a torn hamstring. Although the moment was tragic, the book was not closed. There was still the long jump.

Joyner-Kersee had always been respected as a serious long jumper. Coming into Atlanta, though, she was not the favorite. Thwarted by a slight limp and with her hamstring wrapped, she had nothing to lose. The first few jumps were remarkable for her condition, but she found herself in the middle of the pack behind the medal competitors. When it came to the last jump, there was little chance the wounded Joyner-Kersee could medal. As she prepared at the runway, there was the intense gaze that had become familiar to sports fans. She took off in a sprint with what seemed to be no intention other than to fly as far as she could. With tension in the air, she planted and pushed and soared like the Jackie Joyner-Kersee of old. The crowd arose, and as the sand kicked up in clouds where she landed, they erupted. In the end, the bronze medal proudly belonged to the U.S. and it represented something special. Joyner-Kersee had reminded us that the Olympic spirit is not about winning, it's about competing.

Jackie Joyner-Kersee will be taking her competitive drive to a new arena very soon. Earlier this week, she surprised everyone by announcing that she will retire from track and field in order to play in the newly formed Women's Professional Basketball League. Joyner-Kersee, who may be the most visible female athlete in the nation, is going to participate in a monumental project. It is not as odd as it may seem. Joyner-Kersee played college ball at UCLA. She received a scholarship to play and was named to All PAC 10 first her senior year. Still, though, she will be playing in a league that will gather the best basketball players in the world. How she will react will be a true test of her athletic talent. Jim Thorpe won gold in the decathlon and then went on to play a hall of fame football career. He proved himself to be a true competitor that transgressed sports boundaries. Will Joyner-Kersee be able to match his example? Time will only tell.

This summer's Olympic games may have marked a revolutionary turning point in American female athletics. Team gold medals in soccer, gymnastics, softball, and basketball coupled with individual exellence in swimming and tennis illustrated that the U.S. can dominate the world. More importantly, though, these performances demonstrated that women's sports can fill seats. Advertisers have discovered that women's sports sell. Companies like Nike and Champion would have pulled their campaigns long ago if they were not turning profits. Can the popularity of women's sports continue for an entire season? I am more confident in Jackie Joyner-Kersee's ability to play with the best basketball players in the world than I am in the new Women's Professional Basketball League.

It is not in the American nature to settle down on a cold February afternoon and watch women's basketball. This is a sad statement, but it's the truth. Female sports pioneers, such as Wilma Rudolph, helped to break the gender barrier. The passage of legislation to require college athletic programs to offer equal opportunities for female athletes began the tide of momentum that has been continued more recently by athletes like Chris Everet, Martina Navratolova, Mary Lou Retton, Cheryl Miller, Janet Evans, Picabo Street, and Steffi Graf. The Atlanta games brought the most attention that women's sports has ever experienced. The formation of the Women's Professional Basketball League was the next best step. It isn't a step, though. It's a leap, and America is not yet ready.

Some have asked, is gamesmanship a thing of the past? I know one place where it still exists - women's sports. All anyone had to do was turn on the TV this summer to see true gamesmanship. The gold medal softball game was one of the best ball games I have seen in quite a while. Whenever I think about the women's gymnastics drama, I feel shivers shoot down my spine. And Jackie Joyner-Kersee's tear of disappointment will always be engrained in my memory. I know that she will find success, but until she starts throwing down tomahawk dunks(which I don't doubt), I pray that America will shed its ignorance and the Women's Basketball League survives. This is not just a test for sports, this is a test for America.

Capo and Bufalini run first for Conts

Hamilton can't keep pace with competition as they try to recapture wins from past years

By Greg Nussbaum '98
Sports Staff Writer

Both the Hamilton Men's and Women's teams competed as Williams College hosted their annual Cross Country Invitational last Saturday. Tom Capo led the men's team yet again as the top Hamilton finisher with a time of 28:42 in the 8k course, while Veronica Bufalini ran the top time for the women's team with a time of 20:58 on the 5k course.

Capo finished 41st in an intensely competitive race against 17 schools. Justin Ledden placed 136th with a time of 30:14 and Philip Jennings came in 141st running a 31:29. Ultimately, the men's team ended in 14th place out of 17. Williams, RIT, Keene, and Ithaca all provided the Continentals with some fierce competition. Williams took first place in the Invatational with a score of 29. The day was not all disappointments, as Hamilton came away from the day with an impressive 568 total points.

The women's team took a promising seventh place among 13 teams. Bufalini placed 20th in all. Following closely behind her, was Katie Wasilenko in 37th place; Hamilton's second finisher. Wasilenko ran a time of 21:27. Kate Dalke placed in 46th running a 21:43 and firsy-year Robin Loomis was right behind her in 48th place with a 21:46. Williams, Middlebury, and Binghamton all showed up with extremely strong teams, giving the Continentals some good runners to match up against.

This season may prove to be a building one for the cross country teams. The teams continue to condition themselves and remain concentrated on their November season of championships. At that time, they both will have had a chance to compete against some strong opponents and see what obstacles they may face.

This weekend the two will go at it again at Rensselaer, when they have a chance to get back to their winning ways from last year. It may be just a matter of time and practice before this year's teams mold into winners. One thing is certain. The competition this year has definitely improved, and as the Continentals have not fared quite as well as they had hoped, the season is far from over.

Golf team finishes high at Middlebury

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The Hamilton Golf team travelled to Middlebury last weekend to compete in the Duke Nelson Invitational against 23 other New England teams. Led by Johnathan Cornwell's 77-80 performance, good enough to place him ninth in the field of 115 players, the team finished a solid fifth. Hamilton's totals of 326-321 (best four of five scores) placed the squad ahead of NESCAC rivals Williams, Tufts, and Bates. Amherst finished second, but far behind Skidmore.

Matt Miller '99 contributed to the Continental performance with solid rounds of 80-80, as did Mike Saber '97 (84-81), Bryan Richetti (85-80) and Andrew Begley (90-86).

Saber elevated his game at Wednesday's Skidmore Invitational, returning to the form of last year when he won three major tournaments. Saber fired a fine 74, to place second in the individual competition to Skidmore All-America player Bryan Martin, who shot an outstanding 73. Martin, in addition to finishing second at last year's Division III National Championship, was paired for the first two rounds of the U.S. Amateur with national golfing sensation Tiger Woods.

Unfortunately, the rest of the Continentals did not play up to their usual standards, and the team finished a disappointing seventh. Jim Gillies (86) and Darren Fuller (87) were close to good form but costly mistakes prevented them and the other Hamilton players a chance to be competitive in the tournament. Skidmore won its second straight tournament shooting 305 followed by Williams at second with 316. Hamilton's 336 was only two shots out of fourth but was thirteen shots above its own scoring average for the year.

Women's tennis notches first win against LeMoyne

By Greg Nussbaum '98
Sports Staff Writer

The Hamilton's College women's tennis team entered this week at 0-2, looking to notch their first win of the season. Before Hamilton picked up their first win against LeMoyne, the team lost to Union, 5-4.

The match against Union was tough to swallow considering that this was second out of three matches this year lossed 5-4. Shana Roberts '99, played a superb match coming back of a first set deficit(3-6) to rout her opponent 6-1, 6-1 in the final two sets at the two slot. Hamilton's only other singles victory was at the six spot, where Amy Lopatin defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-3. The performance of Hamilton's doubles teams has improved this year, as it was a major concern early to coach McElroy. The Continentals took two out of three doubles matches against Union. Freshman sensations Mindy Bell '00 and Kristen Donofrio '00 dominated at first doubles, winning 8-1. Two other outstanding first-year Continentals, Nicole Barnard '00, and Sarah Chatterton '00 won third doubles 8-6.

On Thursday, the Continentals hosted LeMoyne, hoping to win their first match at home. The Continentals single corps played strong, taking 4 out of the six matches. Mindy Bell won 7-5, 7-6, in a grueling contest at two singles. Erin Civello '99(5-7, 6-2, 6-1), Nicole Barnard '00(6-3, 6-1) and Kristen Donofrio(6-1, 6-1) all won in convincing fashion at four, five and six singles respectively. Hamilton did not perform as well at doubles in this match. mindy Bell and Kristen Donofrio won at first singles, 9-7, which represented the Continentals only doubles victory.

Coach McElroy was optimistic after this week's matches," I think we have an excellent chance of winning our next few matches in a row. I'm pleased that our doubles play has risen, and with the freshman play." The top four Conts will play this weekend in the prestigious Rolex tournament at Vassar college. In this tournament, schools from across New York and New England send there best players.

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- Alcohol posters displayed throughout the campus
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<u>Monday, September 30</u>

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<u>Tuesday, October 1</u>

Pledge Cards sponsored by IFC: 11:00-1:00pm (Beinecke Village)

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Mocktails sponsored by Bon Appetit: 4:00-9:00pm (The Little Pub)

Richard Keehling, MD **"Changing the Campus Climate: Integrating Mind, Body, and Spirit."** sponsored by The Division of Student Life and The Peer Advisors: 7:30pm in The Chapel

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"How alcohol has affected my life" sponsored by Peer Advisors: 11:00-4:00pm (Beinecke Village)

<u>Thursday, October 3</u>

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Christina Robeson makes Continental History

Woman's soccer player breaks scoring record

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a damp and cool day in Schenectady, New York. The women's soccer team took on the host Union Dutchmen in what looked to be a tough game. Christina Robeson '97 scored the first goal for Hamilton at the 26:09 mark of the first half. The ball slipped past the arms of Union goalie Sarah Rettersdorf. It was a nice goal, but it had lasting significance. Was it that Hamilton now had a 1-0 lead? Sort of. Christina Robeson moved into first place on Hamilton's scoring list with her 28th career goal. Heide Katerba '90 was first on the list with 27 goals. Robeson also added an assist in the game to give her 65 total points. She needs a mere four points to tie Susan Davidson's '86 mark of 69 all-time points.

In 1994 Robeson set the single season record for most goals in a season with 13 and most points with 28. In 1995, she had another outstanding year as she scored twelve goals with three assists. An art history major, Robeson has been called by coach Melissa Hart '89 "one of the best all-around players Hamilton has ever had."

Despite the extraordinary achievement, Hamilton lost a heart-breaker to the Dutchmen 3-2. Although the Continentals had a 2-1 halftime lead, Union retaliated. Sarah Cardulo tied the score at 2-2 with 39 minutes remaining in the second half and Samantha Ryall scored the game-winner. Alissa Lange '00 scored Hamilton's second goal and Kerry Maxwell '99 had a fine game in net with eleven saves. The record now stands at 1-2 after three games.

Hamilton will play a formidable William Smith team this Saturday in Geneva. The women will not be playing at home until the second of October when they battle Hartwick College. Hopefully, Robeson will add to her record this weekend.

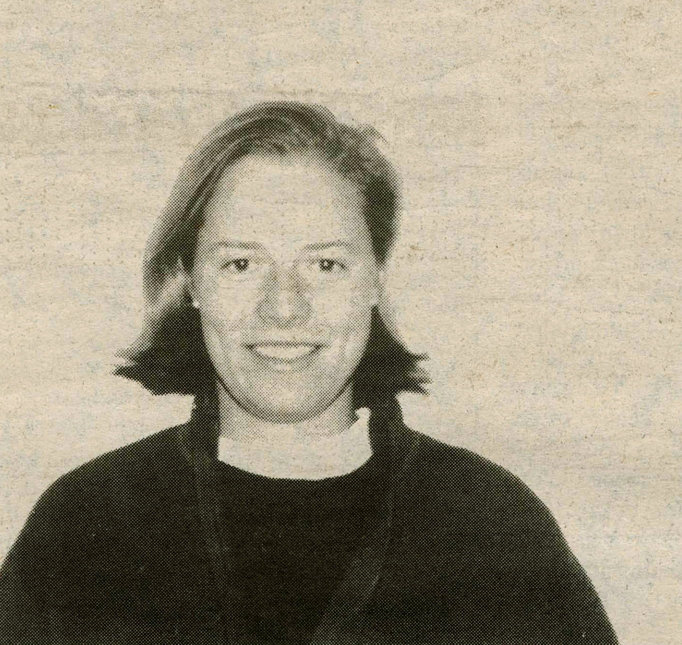

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Senior Christina Robeson became the most proficient goal scorer in Hamilton history with a a tally, the 28th of her career, against the Union Dutchwomen.

Volleyball team drops Utica, remains undefeated at 7-0

BY MARK GRANOVSKY '98
SPORTS EDITOR

This past Wednesday the Hamilton Volleyball team knocked off Utica 3-0, improving their record to 7-0, the best start in school history.

Entering the game, the Continentals were not 100 percent. With captain Christina Clark and sophomore Emily Cooney doubtful with ankle injuries, the team knew they would have their hands full. However, with the help of sophomore Jen Moran, freshman sensation Sarah Tschampel, and co-captain Sheila Green, the team won in straight sets 15-2, 15-4, 15-10.

VOLLEYBALL	
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The team seems ready to meet the challenges set before them by last season's success. Last year, with veteran coach Geri Knortz at the helm, the team posted an impressive 21-11 record, ending the season with respectable third and fifth place finishes at the UCAA and NESCAC tournaments.

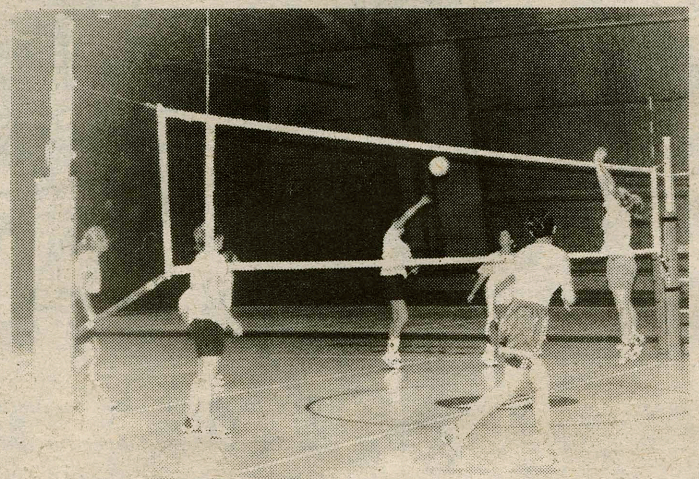
So far, Hamilton is alone on top of the UCAA standings. Coach Knortz is trying to keep things in perspective by getting the team to focus on just one game at a time. "We're a target," she warns. "We're at a place where people want to knock us off."

Several players have really stepped up this season to prevent this from happening, most notably Tschampel. Last week she received UCAA Player of the Week Honors in a key match against Oneonta. She also leads the team in assists and service aces. Captains Clark and Green are also playing very well and were, along with sophomore Jen Lentek, key players in the close (3-2) win over Oneonta.

This year, the Continentals field a very young team with only two seniors and ten freshmen and sophomores. This makes their historical success much more impressive. Coach Knortz has been very pleased with the team thus far, saying, "I think they've got great ability, and they are making progress on what we've been working on."

For those of you interested on seeing just how good this team is, their next home match is against undefeated, 11-0 Cortland on Tuesday October 1 at 7:00 p.m. These two teams have never met before and Knortz and Co. are looking to knock off the number one team in the region. A victory would be especially sweet for Coach Knortz since Cortland is her alma mater.

The volleyball team looks to be having a banner year and should do some serious damage in the postseason so stay tuned.



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The Continentals have jumped into the season with a vengeance, winning six of their seven games in straight sets.

Football stumbles in opener with Lord Jeffs

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Hamilton's potent offense could not overcome a stingy Amherst defense in Saturday's 17-6 loss at Pratt Field in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Lord Jeffs set the tone for the first half, opening the game with an 87 yard scoring drive. Quarterback Rich Willard methodically marched Amherst over 14 plays, capping the possession with a six-yard pass to Chris Miller. This offensive trend continued until halftime as the Lord Jeffs outgained Hamilton 239 yards to 59 yards. The Conts' explosive offense uncharacteristically sustained just one possession for more than four plays. However, the Continental defense held tight, forcing a fumble and interception. Led by Captain Bob Nichols '97 and linebacker Dave Martucci '98, the defense kept Amherst out of the end zone, allowing only a 19-yard field goal at the half's conclusion. After thirty minutes the Conts headed to the locker room trailing 10-0.

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The Hamilton offense, showing shades of last year, rallied in the second half. Quarterback Dan DeBlois '97 led a late third quarter drive capped by a six-yard touchdown pass. Unfortunately a holding penalty nullified what appeared to be the Continentals' first score. On the subsequent play DeBlois was intercepted, crushing Hamilton's touchdown hopes. Fortunately, the defensive platoon held Amherst scoreless for the remainder of the quarter.

On the next possession DeBlois again led the Conts into scoring position. Short passes to fullback Adam Hodges '97 proved effective for the offense. DeBlois scampered into the end zone from four yards out to cut the deficit to four points with 9:07 remaining in the game. After a blocked extra point Hamilton settled on the losing end of a 10-6 score.

On the following possession Amherst answered with 64-yard scoring drive to extend the lead to 17-6. Willard scrambled in from three yards out for the touchdown. The Continentals rebounded with a drive to Amherst's 45-yard line. To the Conts' dismay, an interception thwarted any chance for a comeback. The game concluded in a 17-6 Amherst victory.

Quarterback DeBlois completed 18 of 30 passes for 133 yards with two interceptions. Hodges, his favorite reciever, made seven catches for 58 yards and Shawn Lyons '99, caught three passes for 30 yards. Scott Milleisen rushed 19 times for a mere 37 yards. Unfortunately, the most positive facet of the offense was the kicking game. Hamilton punted six times for 189 yards.

For Amherst, Rich Willard completed 14 of 20 passes for 207 yards. On the ground, Darin Byrne rushed 32 times for 124 yards.

Although Amherst seemingly manhandled Hamilton in terms of bulk statistics, much of this loss can be attributed to simple bad luck. Amherst boasts perhaps the best front defensive seven in the NESCAC and a strong offensive backfield. Had the Continentals not suffered two unsuccessful drives inside Amherst's 45-yard line in the first half, and untimely interceptions in the second half, the unlucky start may have been avoided.

All things considered, many positives were evident. On defense, Dave Martucci '98 contributed a sack, interception, and forced a fumble as the main defensive standout. Ed McDevitt '97 recovered a fumble and added seven tackles. Although the defense gave up 391 yards overall, they kept points off the scoreboard.

On offense, DeBlois rebounded from sitting out practice all week with a leg injury to throw for 133 yards. Hodges caught seven passes against perhaps the best defensive team in the NESCAC. The veteran offensive line, anchored by seniors Ron Mammano, Ken Sommers, and Devon Darzano, should improve from the first game.

The Continentals face a young Wesleyan team Saturday in a matchup which should favor the veteran Hamilton squad. The Conts defeated Wesleyan 34-3 last year in its largest margin of victory of the season. Tailback Scott Milleisen '97 walked through the Wesleyan defense for four touchdowns, tying a school record. However, the Cardinals are on a roll after a 29-26 comeback win against Tufts. They boast an exciting offense anchored by quarterback Dan Morse and tailback Courtland Weisleder. The Wesleyan defense, comprised mainly of freshmen and sophomores, plays a straight 3-4 set. This young crew can be exploited, especially considering it surrendered 368 total yards in the season opener.

Despite a weak start, the Conts have no reason to panic. According to captain Mammano Hamilton will "follow the same game plan, we just need to execute." A healthy DeBlois and a better effort from 1995 All-NESCAC tailback selection Milleisen will ignite the offensive. DeBlois will look to the receiving crew, consisting of Ben Johnson '97, Aaron Schwimmer '97, Lyons and Hodges, for quick yardage.

The first game is no indicator of the talent this team possesses. Hamilton boasts five 1995 all-NESCAC selections returning from last year. Once this team shakes off the early season rust, look for the sleek scoring machine of last year.